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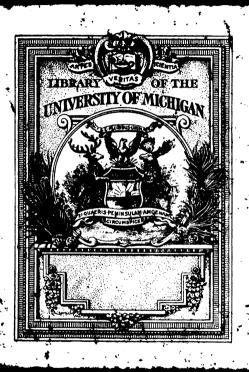
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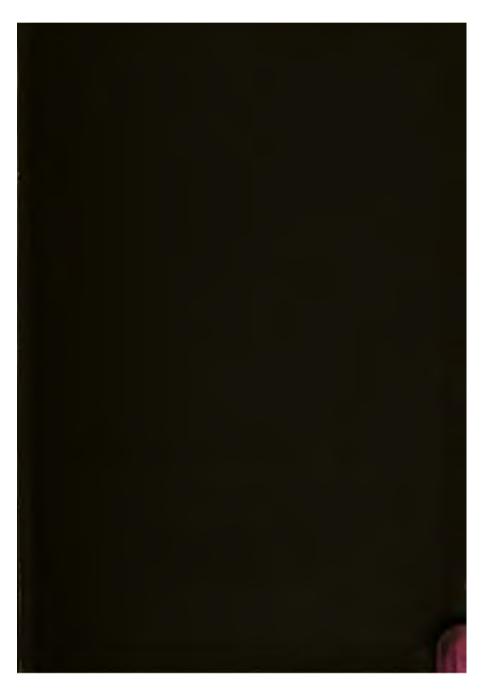
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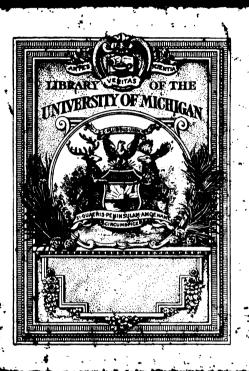
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Per singulos dies, benedicimus Te.

Day by day, we magnify Thee.

TE DEUM.

#### TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE.

THESE versions, one hundred in number, of the ancient Latin Hymns and Sacred Mediæval Lyrics, which I venture now to bring before my fellow-members of the Church of England, have been, with other like work, the occupation of many of my leisure hours during the last twenty years—a work taken up for the moment, and continued by reason of the engrossing nature of the subject. About half of these translations were printed ten years ago for private circulation only, and so would have remained had not a valued friend, to whose judgment and experience I felt bound to defer, urged their publication, as likely to be useful to others; at the same time, he most kindly undertook to select and arrange them, thus doing for me what I could not have done without his help. Now the work is so far completed that he asks me for a Prefacenot the least difficult part of my self-imposed task.

First, I have to excuse myself for any seeming presumption in following, as I do, the eminent writers

who of late years have adorned the same subject, especially the late Dr. Neale, Archbishop Trench, and the eminent scholar and theologian, Cardinal Newman—all three poets. These, by their painstaking researches, have made the treasures of ancient Hymnology more widely accessible, and by their spirited versions of some Hymns, and elucidations of others. have rendered the work of their successors compara-So I found in taking them for my tively easy. masters (and all that I pretend to is to have followed in their steps). Mine is merely a small garland, "Corolla Hymnorum," while countless treasures remain to exercise the skill and taste of translators, and to testify to the piety and scriptural knowledge of the old Hymn-writers. I do not, therefore, apologise for attempting to render these Hymns in our mother tongue—success is another matter. The originals are of a studied simplicity, and this would be lost by turning them into florid or sensational verse. tried to give their meaning and spirit faithfully, so clothing them in an English dress that they might again appear, so far as I could effect this, as originals. I humbly hope that my endeavour may conduce, in however small a degree, to the glory of God and the good of His Church.

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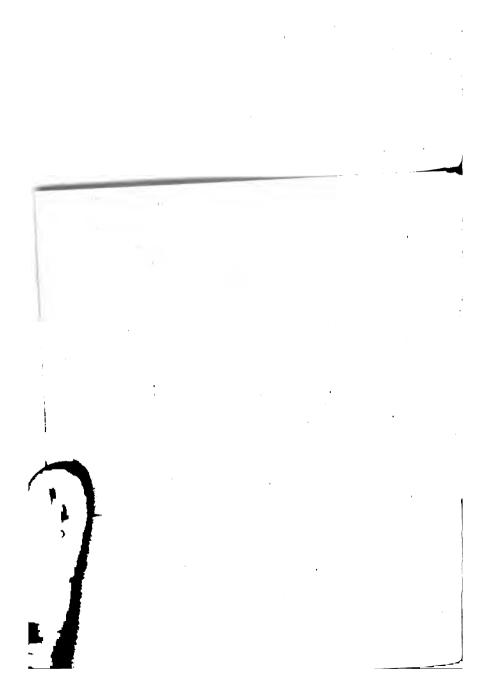
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Put ease and slothfulness away,
And come, His mercy all entreat!
As the sweet Psalmist tells aright,
"Seek Him 'midst watches of the night."



# HYMNS FOR THE DAYS OF THE WEEK.

# The Lord's Day before Daybreak.

#### PRIMO DIERUM OMNIUM.

Welcome! thou chiefest of all days

That on the new-made world didst shine,
When heaven and earth came forth to praise,
And God approved His work Divine;
Bright day, what glory dawned on thee
When Christ arose that world to free!

Arise we, too, before the day,
With hearts athirst our Lord to meet,
Put ease and slothfulness away,
And come, His mercy all entreat!
As the sweet Psalmist tells aright,
"Seek Him 'midst watches of the night."

May He, in answer to our cry,

Stretch forth His Arm so strong to save,
Nor our polluted souls deny
In His atoning Blood to lave;
Then with refreshing grace come near,
Each lowly contrite one to hear;

That when on this His holy day

Our grateful hymns and anthems rise,
While pass the quiet hours away,

He may accept our sacrifice;
And with His gifts His children bless
Who seek on earth His holiness.

Almighty Father, gracious Lord,
Fountain whence purity doth spring—
To Thee our every thought and word,
Through Thy dear Son, we dare to bring:
O let not sinful passions fill
Our hearts to work the works of ill.

Lest all imbrued in mortal sin,

This house of clay in which we dwell

Draw down the immortal soul within

To burn in fiercer fires of hell:

How shall we 'scape that bitter pain Whom earthly base defilements stain?

Wherefore, O Christ, of Thy dear love,
Accept Thy suppliant children's prayer;
Thou, Saviour, wholly canst remove
Those grievous marks of sin we bear:
Vouchsafe to us Thy cleansing now,
And ever-living joys bestow.

Amen.

# The Lord's Day—Evening.

#### O LUCE QUI MORTALIBUS.

O God, Who in the unapproached light
Art hid from mortal eye,
The holy Angels trembling gaze,
And veil their faces in amaze,
At the near presence of Thy glorious majesty.

As men bewildered 'midst the shades of night'
We wander darkly here;
But with the coming of Thy day—
In that bright noontide's piercing ray—
Swift from creation's face the night shall disappear.

Yon flaming orb but faintly shadows forth
The glory that shall be;
And dost Thou, gracious Lord, prepare
These wondrous things for man to share—
This Thine eternal day, may we, Thy children, see?

To crown our hopes, alas! thou com'st not yet,
O wished-for, joyful day!
Or ere Thy blissful light we gain—
Needs must we purge us of our stain—
Lay down our fleshly load, and soiled robes of clay.

Then from her earthly bonds the soul shall rise
To Thee, O God, on high;
Joy to behold Thee evermore!
To love, to praise Thee, to adore,—
In fulness of Thy love to rest eternally.

Blest Trinity, with Whom in boundless store
Are gifts for every need;
Aid us, we pray Thee, by Thy grace
To fill with good life's little space,
So shall Thine endless day to this brief dawn succeed.
Amen.

# After Midnight.

#### SPLENDOR PATERNÆ GLORIÆ.

O Thou, the Brightness of the Father's glory,
Who from that radiance bringest us the light,
Thyself the Light of Light, the Fount of clearness,
The Day of Days illumining our night.

Thou the true Sun, shine down upon Thy creatures,
Thou shinest ever, sufferest no decay,
And all our senses, all our inmost nature
Fill with the Holy Spirit's gracious ray:

And on the Father let us instant calling—
The Father of eternal glory—pray
That He His all-potential grace bestowing,
Deceitful sin will banish far away;

Pray Him to nerve us for our earthly combat,

To blunt the weapons of our envious foe,

Amidst the storms of life to raise us falling,

And grant us heavenward on our path to go.

Pray Him our erring minds to rule and govern. That soul and body pure and true may meet. And let our faith, with warmest ardour glowing. Know not the fraudful poison of deceit.

O may we thankful feed on Christ our Saviour, And drink His precious Blood in faith and love, While of the Spirit's fervent joy partaking, We rise in heart and mind to God above.

So this good day with holy gladness passing, Our modesty as blushing dawn may be, Our faith as glows the sun's meridian brightness, And may our soul no darkening twilight see.

Now the bright chariot of the dawn approaches, May He come forth to bless us here below; The Son, in Whom is all the Father's fulness, The Father, Whom in His Incarnate Word we know. Amen.

## At the First Hour through the Week.

#### JAM LUCIS ORTO SIDERE.

AGAIN, with joyful waking,

Comes forth the star of day;

And now to God our Heavenly Father

His suppliant children pray—

May He, the Uncreated Light,

Guide us this day to walk aright.

Let not our hands betray us,

Our lips be moved to sin;

No stubborn thoughts arise rebellious

To vex the soul within;

Truth, simple, whole, be with us still,

And love unfeigned, that thinks no ill.

While the swift hours fleet by us, Watch Thou, O Christ, beside; Lest through the portal of our senses

The wily tempter glide;

Hell's keenest shafts in vain shall fly,

When Thou, the soul's defence, art nigh.

Forth on the round of duty
Thy guiding Spirit lead,
Our every work subserve Thy glory,
And with Thy blessing speed;
So shall our daily labour be
Continued, ended, Lord, in Thee.

The promptings of the body
With jealous watch control,
Nor let the flesh, a pampered tyrant,
Weigh down the immortal soul.
In all be abstinence the guide;
For heaven and for the soul provide.

Learn we, through Thy blest teaching,
Our earthly joys how vain;
Seek we the joys where Thou, O Saviour,
At God's right hand dost reign;
With Thee at last vouchsafe we die,
Raise us with Thee to life on high.

Now praise we God the Father, Like praise to God the Son, Who calleth us to share the triumphs His mighty Arm hath won; And to the Spirit praises be, Eternal, Undivided Three.

Amen.

## At the Third Hour.

#### O FONS AMORIS SPIRITUS.

All-Gracious Spirit! Fount of love, Parent of gifts from heaven above, O fill our hearts from that pure stream, And kindle there Thy quickening beam.

Knit by Thy love Thou makest One The Father and the Blessèd Son; O may we ever joined be In mutual charity through Thee.

To God the Father, God the Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One, Let all creation join to raise Now and for aye the song of praise.

Amen.

## At the Sirth Hour.

#### JAM SOLIS EXCELSUM JUBAR.

Now darts the sun from highest heaven
Keen arrows through the sky;
Bright minister! to whom is given
Such fiery panoply,
With treasured stores of light and heat
To fill the worlds beneath his feet;
His piercing ray all creatures meet,
And hail their life's supply.

Yet Thou, O Christ, the world's true Light,
Dost mightier power convey,
And pourest from Thy mercy's height
A new and brighter ray,
To lighten with celestial grace
Each heart of man that seeks Thy Face,
And guide to heaven a ransomed race,
Thyself the living Way.

O may our fervent vows to Thee,
Fed ever by sweet charity,
Rise up with answering love;
A pure and aye increasing flame
To praise and glorify Thy Name
In perfect day above.

Father of Heaven, like praise to Thee,
And to the Holy Spirit be,
With Christ Thy only Son;
Thou who the heavens and earth didst frame,
One God for evermore the same,
While endless ages run.

Amen.

# At the Minth Hour.

#### PRONO VOLUTUS IMPETU.

Now with rapid wheel inclining
Nightward sinks the orb of day,
So our mortal life is hasting
Swiftly to its goal away.

Jesu, merciful Redeemer,
Who for lost mankind didst die,
On the Cross Thine Arms extended,
Raise a falling world on high.

Aye within those Arms of mercy Grant, O Christ, to us a place, There to love Thy Cross, to bless Thee, There to die in Thy embrace.

To the Father, God Eternal,
With the Sole-begotten Son,
And the Holy Spirit, ever
Glory, honour, praise, be done.
Amen.

#### Before going to gleep.

#### O JESU DULCISSIME.

Sweet Jesu! now to Thee I pray,
Jesu, my soul's delight,
Whose power has kept me thro' the day,
Vouchsafe, Beloved Lord, to stay
With me in sleep this night.

So while my body takes calm rest,
My heart, still fixed on Thee,
May watch, by slumber unpossessed,
Against each evil haunting guest,
To know Thee near, and see.

Signed with the Cross be mine to lie!

Thy Angels fence me round;

Far off bid Satan's legion fly;

Thou only, Lord, in presence nigh

Abiding still be found.

O take my dear ones to Thy Heart,
And cherish in Thy love;
From them and me no more depart—
Bring us unto Thee where Thou art,
Jesu, in realms above.

To God the Father, God the Son, And Spirit, One and Three, All glory, honour, praise be done Both now and while the ages run, And for eternity.

Amen.

# Monday Morning.

#### NIL LAUDIBUS NOSTRIS EGES.

FATHER in Heaven! Thy glory
Needs nothing of our praise,
Yet ever does Thy love entreat
Thy children to the mercy-seat
Their hearts in prayer to raise;
So would'st Thou to the pleading soul come nigh,
And give Thy pitying grace in answer to our cry.

Night tells with voiceful silence
Thy wisdom, how profound!
The glorious messenger of day
Bears forth Thy mercies with his ray
To the glad world around:—
Lord of these marvels, veiled in dazzling light,
What mind can reach to Thee, or tongue give
praise aright?

But shall our hearts lack utterance

To bless Thee for Thy love

Who savest from the evil here,

And bringest us Thy children near

To promised joys above?

Speed us, O Father, though weak flesh would stay,

O Christ, vouchsafe Thyself the Leader and the

Way.

Amen.

# Monday Chening.

#### JACTAMUR HEU QUOT FLUCTIBUS.

ALAS! how oft the threatening billows roll

To whelm us tempest-tost on life's rough sea;

One only hope then dawns upon the soul,—

Then comes our pleading cry, good Lord, to Thee.

Swifter to hear than we to form the prayer,
Thou, Father, with protecting arm dost save.
E'en weakest tremblers resting in Thy care,
Rise up with strength to suffer, and are brave.

Whate'er the force of evil here below,
All-conquering Saviour, Thou art mightier still
To free the souls in bondage of our foe,
Cast down his power, and vindicate Thy will.

Wilt Thou, O Christ, Thine own bright glory give To clothe our vileness with celestial light? Yea, Lord! vouchsafe us in this faith to live, And for our heavenly prize to strive aright. Thrice happy toil which Thy blest Presence cheers,
Thyself the end and solace of our pain!
Who would not welcome through this vale of tears
Earth's passing griefs, eternal joy to gain?

Praise be to God the Father, Christ His Son,
Like praise, most Holy Spirit, unto Thee,
Who art with Both in glorious Godhead One
For ever joined, the Same eternally.

Amen.

# Tuesday Morning.

#### TE PRINCIPEM SUMMO DEUS.

THE first, the great commandment,

O Christian soul, draw near,

And second like unto it,

As Christ hath taught thee—hear;

With all thy heart, and mind, and strength,

The Lord thy God to love;

And for thy neighbour loving-kindness

As for thyself to prove.

Thou, gracious Lord, hast placed us
Within the Church's fold;
By love immortal founded
Thy family behold!
One heart, one mind, yet many members,
New increase gathering still,
While truth and faith, bright guards around us,
Keep all Thy holy hill.

Far off be crooked envy,

Nor let ill passions rage,
Inflamed with zeal litigious,

To vex thine heritage;
Author of peace, O Father, teach us

The law of love to keep,
To joy in all our brother's gladness,

And with the mourner weep.

So may we all, Thy children,
Bring fruits of love to Thee,
And sing glad Alleluias
To God the One and Three;
Glory to Christ whose mercy gives us
His holy Church for home,
His perfect peace to bless and guide us
Till to His rest we come.

# Tuesday Evening.

#### O QUAM JUVAT FRATRES DEUS.

O God, our loving God, by whom Thy Church
Is knit together in one fellowship
With Christ the Head, whose grace for every
member

Is living strength; how great must be their blessing When by the self-same Spirit all are moved! In what sweet unison the voice of praise Goes up from all assembled in one house To worship Thee! As with compacted front A mighty armèd phalanx cleaves the battle, Onward, majestic; so the Church's prayer With pleading of the Saints, winged by the Angels, Makes forceful entrance through the golden gate To come before Thee at the mercy-seat. Well-pleasing violence! O then let each To whom this heritage of Christ is dear, Make glad the brotherhood with fruits of peace,

As precious manna, with a sweet refreshment! But woe to such as led by treacherous counsel, Sow fierce dissension in the Church's path, Rending the seamless garment of their Lord. Deceivers and deceived; yet from their evil,— The malice and contention of Thy foe— Thou, Christ, ordainest still that good shall come, And crowns of glory for the sons who love Thee, Thy champions ever watchful; not as they Who all unguarded in their warfare meet The trial of their faith; those a false world Too oft with flattering voices lures astray, Poisoning with subtle doubts their truthfulness. And laps them in the sweetness of her praise. O grant us, Blessed Trinity, to live In mutual charity so linked, that each May profit other, till at last we come Together in Thy kingdom aye to reign.

# Wednesday Morning.

#### PROMITTIS ET SERVAS DATAM.

Thy truth, O God, stands firm in heaven;
From everlasting Thy sure word is given
The children of Thy hand to bless,
And save the world through righteousness;
Again at early dawn we kneel in prayer
With pleading at Thy Throne, this gift of grace to share.

But mark what slippery paths they take
Who trust the promises vain man can make!
Soft words that flatter to betray,
Joys that full swiftly fade away;
As when one leans upon a broken reed,
So crumble earthly hopes, and wound us in our need.

Then blessed among men is he
Who finds his treasure, Lord of grace, in Thee,
Within Thy secret place to dwell,
Thy sheltering Arms for citadel:
Though all around the swelling billows roll,
Nor height nor depth profound shall move his constant soul.

And wouldst thou, wavering heart, delay

To seek this mercy and embrace the way?

For thee is Christ the Saviour born,

To thee the unchanging God hath sworn;

Faith's glorious pledge,—on this the soul relies,

Mounts up in winged flight, and grasps the destined prize.

Foretaste of glory, feast of love,

Where saints on earth partake of joys above!

With the beloved John they see

By faith the Lamb's great company:

There from the Father's Throne in radiance bright,

Christ pours for ransomed souls the stream of pure delight.

O Fountain of perpetual grace,
In Thy true worship every hope finds place,
Thee, Blessèd Trinity, we own
Our strength, our righteousness alone.
Grant us with perfect mind to seek Thee here,
And to our souls at last O come with mercy near.
Amen.

# Wednesday Evening.

#### HORRES SUPERBOS NEC TUAM.

Down with your pride, ye haughty ones, or else Why come ye hither? does not God declare He holds you in abhorrence, nor will give His glory to another? vain the tribute Of your lip-homage—vain the prayers ye offer, Who come unclothed with humility Before His Throne. And Thou, O Lord of mercy, How oft the flowing current of Thy grace Is met by thankless and obdurate hearts, Till the full stream is hindered, or, as when Thy precious showers fall on some arid field Whose thirsty herbage swift is parched again, To wither all unblest:—

Not such our portion Who seek the living God; behold! as servants

Wait on their master's hand, or eye of maiden
With anxious gazing turns towards her mistress,
So look we to the everlasting hills
Whence comes the mighty arm alone to save us.
What though Thy wished-for succour yet, O Lord,
Awhile Thou dost delay; though stormful clouds
O'ershadow the bright view, still hope remains,
A sure and steadfast anchor of the soul,
The stay of faithful hearts that trust in Thee.
Unto the Father be for ever praise,
Like praise to Christ His Son, by Whom is given
That chiefest blessing from the eternal Throne,
God's Holy Spirit, source of goodness now,
Pledge of our true inheritance to come.

# Thursday Morning.

# DIGNAS QUIS O DEUS TIBI.

O Thou, who aye in brightness
Ineffable dost dwell,
Our God, to whom all praise belongeth,
Thy glories who shall tell?
The very Light eternal,
Thou sendest us Thy ray
To scatter all the powers of darkness,
And show Thy saving way.

The faith that Thou requirest,

Thou dost Thyself bestow,—

That faith whereby we learn to bring Thee

The homage which we owe;

Through faith the mind discerneth,

The mists of error flee;

Through faith men's hearts and souls are lifted,

Father of lights, to Thee.

Would we, who seek the Presence
Of this our heavenly King,—
His worshippers in truth and spirit,
No vain oblations bring?
Come with our hearts' deep searchings
Laid open to His view,—
Pure, through the blood of Christ's atonement,
And at His Altar sue.

Then heart and voice together
In sweet accord shall rise,
And pour their tribute of affection
A free-will sacrifice;
Each tongue with fullest utterance,
Salvation's truths confess;
Proclaim and magnify those mercies,
And their great Author bless.

Lord, in Thy gifts so precious

Not earth's proud sons partake;

Thou with the humble soul and lowly

Thy dwelling-place dost make.

Increase our faith, we pray Thee,
Nor let abhorred pride
Inflame our swelling hearts with evil,
And from Thy love divide.

All praise be to the Father,
All praise, O Christ, to Thee,
Who with Thy Blood the Faith hast founded
Our rock of strength to be.
And unto Thee, O Spirit,
Who with Both These art One,
Our glorious God, let praise for ever
In earth and heaven be done.

# Thursday Ebening.

#### O FORTIS ET CLEMENS DEUS.

UNTO Thee, O Father, merciful and mighty,
Author of salvation, be our earnest prayer;
Faith, the seed of blessing, plant Thou in each bosom,
And with fruits of glory crown the increase there.

When our courage faileth, only this availeth,

Peace, and joy, and comfort—brightening as we go—

Truth the banner o'er us, faith the shield before us

Quenching all the fiery weapons of our foe.

Jesu! Blessed Saviour! unto Thee for refuge

Come Thy children, trusting in Thy Name alone;

Winged faith ascendeth, hope new courage lendeth,

Love that never endeth pleads before the throne.

When our footsteps falter, keep us, Heavenly Father, Through Thy Son's atonement cleansed from mortal stain; Let not guilt defile us, or the world beguile us, Faithless to Christ's mercy, slaves to sin again.

Father, Son, and Spirit, Thy eternal merit

Aye may all Thy creatures worthily adore!

Through Thy mighty working in our hearts believing,

Thou, O gracious Spirit, fullest truth dost pour.

Amen.

# Friday Morning.

# ULTRICIBUS NOS ÙNDIQUE.

GREAT Searcher of our hearts!

Whilst Thy avenging darts

Fall on the people round,

Who but Thyself can bring

Us healing for their sting,

Or staunch the bleeding wound?

If to the world we go

For solace in our woe,

Its proffered joys, how vain!—

These to the aching heart

Add but a keener smart,

And more enduring pain.

Thy chastisements we fear, Yet Thou, O Lord, art near, Sure hope of souls forlorn; Each pain that we endure

Becomes itself our cure

At Thy good pleasure borne.

But when, with baleful fire,
Our fleshly lusts conspire,
And evil passions stain;
Thou only, Lord, hast power
To aid us in that hour,
And burst their galling chain.

Withhold not, then, Thine Arm;
Our foes in number swarm;
Quell Thou, O God, their pride,
Lest on some evil day
They take us as a prey,
For whom the Saviour died.

Joy! for our prayer is heard,
O Christ, and at Thy word
Sweet hope returns to cheer;
When quakes the failing heart,
Thy death destroys death's smart,
Love casteth out all fear.

To God the Father, Son,
And Spirit, ever One,
All praise and glory be;
Who chideth but to prove
The children of His love,
And show fresh clemency.

Amen,

# Friday Ebening.

#### LUGETE PACIS ANGELI.

Angels of peace! bewail
With us who fain on Calvary would mourn;
Here God Himself has laid His glory by,
Lo! Christ, as mortal man, goes forth to die,
And bears our burden up the hill of scorn!

O miracle of love!

Infatuate hearts that spurn Thy love Divine,
Each insult poured on that anointed Head!
A willing Victim Thou to death art led,
What shames e'en guilt to suffer, all is Thine.

O Christ, Thy saving Cross

From woes undying makes Thy people free.

Here let Thy voice the wandering sheep recall;

Thy vengeful arrows pierce, Thy judgments fall,

But spare, O spare us for eternity.

Weak flesh, dost thou rebel

When our great Father calls us to obey?

O Christ, our sole Exemplar and our Guide,

We pray Thee, ever Thy true strength provide,

And lead us onward by that living way.

Healed by Thy precious Stripes,
Cleansed by Thy Blood, O Jesu, from our stain,
How shall we now in sin's foul joys delight,
Shame our dear Lord in men's and Angels' sight,
And crucify the Son of God again?

Praise we the Father's love,
Who with His Son all things has freely given;
Praise Christ, both Priest and Victim, and to Thee
Most Blessèd Spirit, praise and glory be,
By whom the flame is lit that mounts to heaven.

# Saturday Morning.

#### RERUM CREATOR OMNIUM.

Maker of all, vouchsafe to bless
Our labours here below,
That we, who Christ's great Name confess,
Christ's living fruits may show.

Thou, Lord, alone canst power impart

To do Thy holy will;

From Thee each prompting of the heart,

Thy precepts to fulfil.

Though perils meet us, snares delay,
O Saviour, Thou defend
With mighty Arm Thy pilgrim's way,
And guide him to the end.

Glad ending when the goal is won, Sweet rest when toil is o'er, Where Thou, for every faithful son, The cup of joy shalt pour. O bring us, Lord, to that blest place, Our longing spirit cries; May we, redeemed by Thy grace, Hold fast the eternal prize.

# Saturday Chening.

#### SUPREME MOTOR CORDIUM.

O SOVEREIGN Mover of the heart,
Thou, from the world's first dawn, to bless,—
Unto the righteous dost impart
The living fruits of holiness.
Through every age that stream of grace
Unbroken in its flow, we trace.

Faith, hope, and love—Thy image here,
In one sweet linked tie unite;
And when the worlds shall disappear
With all Thou gavest for delight;
Love only fadeless shall abide
With Thee her perfect Joy beside.

O Very Love! Thou Truth Supreme! Light that with ever steadfast ray Upon our darkest hour dost beam, And guidest to the perfect day! Lord, when our work on earth is done, Shall Thy eternal rest be won?

Now, where a thousand dangers lead,

The pilgrim on his path must go,

And carry with him precious seed

In weakness and in tears, to sow:

Then to the harvest shall he come;

And bring his sheaves in triumph home.

Great God of power, blest Three in One,
O visit us Thy vineyard here,
That when Thou comest for Thine own,
The fruits Thou seekest may appear;
Then shall each goodly gift of Thine,
Crowned by Thyself, with glory shine,
O righteous Judge of all.

# Saturday.

#### O QUANTA, QUALIA.

OH what must be the Sabbaths,

How glorious and how great!

Those the bright company of heaven
Aye blissful celebrate;

What rest for souls aweary,

What crowning joys befall,

When for the brave who strove and conquered,

God shall be All in all.

Who is this King of glory,—
His court, His palace high?
This rest so sweet, this peace, this gladness,
This heavenly Majesty?
Speak, O ye happy people
That in these glories share,
If voice be yours to tell the fulness
Ye have of blessing there.

True name is thine, O Salem,

Blest city, hallowed sound;

All joy can give of best and sweetest,

In Salem's peace is found:

Where bliss leaves naught to long for,

Nor hopes deferred can tire,

Swift with the wish fruition cometh,

Exceeding all desire.

And we, through Christ's dear mercy,
Safe landed on that shore,
Shall sing the joyful hymns of Zion,
Our tears, our travail o'er.
Aye with the blessed people
In strains of grateful praise,
To Thee, O Lord of grace eternal,
One mighty voice to raise.

Not as on earth the Sabbaths
Successive come and go;
One Sabbath joy fresh springing ever,
These Sabbath-keepers know;

Ineffable, unending,
Is their great Jubilee,
With sweet accord of men and angels
Sung everlastingly.

Meanwhile with hearts uplifted

To those bright realms above,
'Tis ours in pilgrim guise to seek for
The country of our love;
From Babylon's long exile
O'er all the desert plain,
Till in Jerusalem's fair city
We find our home again.

Praise God the Everliving,

Most glorious Trinity,

Of Whom—in Whom—thro' Whom—are
all things,

Now and eternally:

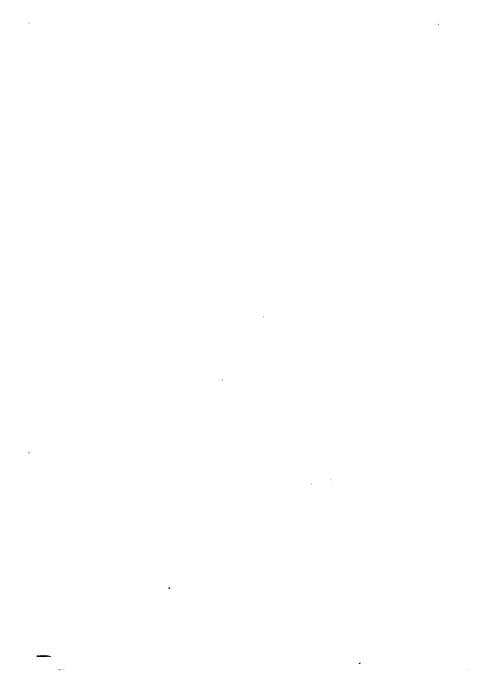
Of God the Father are They,—
In Christ our Lord His Son,—

Thro' Thy prevailing grace, O Spirit,

Who with the Two art One.

Amen.

# HYMNS FOR THE CHRISTIAN SEASONS



#### Advent.

#### STATUTA DECRETO DEI.

Sing we now redeeming love!

Praise the Father, God above!

At His bidding, as decreed,

To their goal the ages speed;

Now the appointed hour draws nigh,

Shines the Day-spring from on high.

Through the breach that Adam made By the tempter's guile betrayed,— Sorrow came and dire disgrace, Evil marring all our race, Hopeless in death's shadow lying, Doomed to suffer woes undying.

Hapless world! whose fetters bind thee, Trembling till the judgment find thee? Who thy penalty can pay? Wash those guilty stains away? Free thee from sin's galling yoke? Heal the anguish of thy stroke?

Thou, O Christ, and Thou alone, God descending from Thy Throne; Thou, whose might alone could save From the terrors of the grave,— To Thine Image didst restore Form and beauty as before.

Rain, ye heavens, your softest dew!
Nature, blossom forth anew!
Earth, within thy kind embrace
Take the Lord of living grace!
Wake, O Seed of glory, rise!
Bear us with Thee to the skies!

Now to Him, the Eternal Son, With the Father laud be done, Christ the Word, Who for our sake, Did this mortal nature take; And to the Blest Spirit be Glory, praise, eternally.

#### Advent.

# APPAREBIT REPENTINA DIES MAGNA DOMINI.

STEALTHY as a thief approaching midst the darkness of the night,

So the Lord's great day shall waken, sudden, all the world with fright;

Then how vain shall seem their treasures, Brief the sum of worldly pleasures, When the world shall pass from sight.

Through the earth's remotest confines loud the trumpet's voice shall sound,

Dead and living, all shall hear it, all to meet their Lord be found;

Him the Judge, Who cometh glorious, Christ from heaven, the King victorious, With His shining Angels round. Then the moon's pale orb shall redden,—o'er the sun shall spread a pall,—

Earth through all her circuit tremble,—faded, dim, the stars shall fall;—

Flames with fearful beauty glowing, Earth and sea and sky o'erflowing, Run before the Judge of all:

Round that just Disposer's footstool, Angel hosts with awe shall stand,

On the right God's faithful servants, on the left the evil band;

Then the silence shall be broken,

Then the King's great doom be spoken

To the souls on either hand.

- "Come, ye blessed of My Father," to the just their Lord shall say,
- "Take the kingdom He prepared you ere the worlds beheld the day;

Me when poor and sick ye tended, Me with loving care defended, This your love I now repay."

- "When, O Christ, did we behold Thee?" joyful will their answer be,
- "When Thy sorrows have we pitied, fed and clothed Thy poverty?"

Softly then shall fall His accents,

"For ye did it to My servants,

Ye have done it unto Me!"

Next their sentence to the wicked shall the righteous Judge declare,

"Hence, ye cursed, from My Presence, in the pains of hell to share;

Vainly for your help I pleaded, Naught My prayers or tears ye heeded, For your suffering Lord to care."

- "When, great King, did we reject Thee?" such will be their bitter cry;
- "Or Thy need refuse to succour?" then shall come the stern reply,

"When the poor for help was crying,

Ye, My messenger denying,

Did My very Self deny."

Headlong then shall fall the wicked down the pit of guilt and shame,

Where for Satan and his servants is their prison-house of flame;

Anguish there, and grief, and wailing, Sorrew endless, unavailing, Woe for evermore the same.

But the faithful shall be raised up to Zion's peaceful height,

Angel choirs rejoicing round them, they to heaven shall wing their flight,

Sights of glory there to meet them,— Christ Himself their Lord, to greet them, Shining in the Father's light.

Would'st thou gain the heavenly kingdom? then of Satan's toils beware;

Watch lest gold or lust entice thee,—be the helpless ones thy care;—

Though thy Master Christ should tarry, Still thy warfare's weapons carry, For His coming aye prepare.

# Christmas.

#### VENI REDEMPTOR GENTIUM.

O COME, Redeemer of mankind, appear,

Thee with full hearts the Virgin-born we greet;

Let every age with rapt amazement hear

That wondrous birth which for our God is meet

Not by the will of man, or mortal seed,

But by the Spirit's breathed mysterious grace

The Word of God became our flesh indeed,

And grew a tender plant of human race.

Lo! Mary's virgin womb its burthen bears,
Nor less abides her virgin purity:
In the King's glory see our nature shares,
Here in His temple God vouchsafes to be.

From His bright chamber, virtue's holy shrine,
The royal Bridegroom cometh to the day;
Of twofold substance, human and Divine,
As giant swift, rejoicing on His way.

Forth from His Father to the world He goes, Back to the Father's Face His way regains, Far down to souls beneath His glory shows, Again at God's right hand victorious reigns.

With the Eternal Father equal, Thou
Girt with our flesh dost triumph evermore,
Strengthening our feeble bodies here below
With endless grace from Thine own living store,

How doth Thy lowly manger radiant shine!

On the sweet breath of night new splendour grows;

So may our spirits glow with faith Divine,

Where no dark cloud of sin shall interpose.

All praise and glory to the Father be, All praise and glory to His Only Son, All praise and glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, Both now, and while eternal ages run.

# Christmas.

#### NATO NOBIS SALVATORE.

COME, let us celebrate the morn
On which our Saviour Christ was born,
The day of days most bright;
When unto us a Son was given,
To men appeared the Lord from heaven,
The Gentiles' saving Light.

Through Eve's transgression all were slain,
But Christ by His most precious pain
The world's redemption wrought;
By our first parent death did come,
But joyful Mary's gracious womb
The fruit of life has brought.

God saw from heaven with pitying eye Neglectful man in darkness lie, And sent His Son to save;
Christ in the world, though veiled from sight,
As hidden Bridegroom, forth to light
His glorious Presence gave.

Begirt with conquering power He came,
As giant strong of mighty fame,
Death, our proud foe, to quell;—
Swift as a runner to the goal,
Fulfilling in Himself the whole
That law and prophets tell.

O Jesu, Thou our saving health,
In sickness ease, in need our wealth,
Our glory and our peace;
Thou from Thy plenteous mercy's spring
The ransom for our souls dost bring,
Wherefore Thy praise all creatures sing,
With voices ne'er to cease.

# Christmas.

## ALTITUDO QUID HIC JACES.

Thou most High and Holy,—
Why dost Thou lie here,
In a stable lowly,
Deignest to appear?
Heaven's lamps burned around Thee,
Thou did'st make them all,
Now doth cold surround Thee,
Shivering in this stall.

Thou, our Strength, our Fastness,
Very weakness made,
Infinite in vastness,
Here a Babe art laid;
Fettered with infirmity,
Thou that break'st our chain,
God from all eternity,
Born to suffer pain.

Christ the universal King,
Priest for ever to remain,

Consecrated now they sing,
Join we too that thrilling strain;

"Peace on earth, and mercy given,
Glory in the highest heaven."

Mortal! askest thou the cause
Why these gracious things should be?
Seek it in God's righteous laws,
True from all eternity;
Justice doomed our guilty race,
Mercy opened us the way,
Ransomed by a Saviour's grace,
All that mighty debt to pay.—
O what love, what mercy sweet
In our great Messiah meet;
Mingled vinegar and gall,
Cup His bleeding Lips have pressed,
Now for us is changed all
To a draught of healing blest.

As the merciful and good, That Samaritan of yore, Pitying by the stranger stood,

Balm into his wounds to pour,—
So our great Physician here,
In His Sacrament Divine,
Comes with tender mercy near,
Bringeth us the Bread and Wine.
Christ our new Elisha born,
Calls to life the widow's son,
Lowly Jesus Whom they scorn,
He, the poor rejected One—
Comes with more than prophet's power,
God and Man, His gifts to shower.

Swiftly, with a giant's stride,

Comes the Victor on His way;

Sets the law of death aside,

Spoils the spoiler of his prey.

Now the Shepherd brings again,

On His shoulder safely laid,—

Sought from all the desert plain,—

His the wandering sheep that strayed.

Now the silver piece is found

In the treasury of grace;

Now the toilsome search is crowned, Long-lost man regains his place. Joyful Angels come to greet This God's family complete.

Sing we then redeeming love,
Praise our Lord, both God and Man,
Christ Who reigneth aye above
Far beyond earth's narrow span;
From the banded powers of hell
Adam's fallen race He bore,
With Himself in heaven to dwell,
Rescued, safe for evermore.

## Christmas.

(St. Stephen's Day.)

#### HERI MUNDUS EXULTAVIT.

But yesterday the exulting world,
With joyous banners all unfurled,
Kept her dear Saviour's natal day;
But yesterday, with hymnings sweet,
The Angel choir went forth to greet
The King of heaven upon His way.

To-day the first of Martyrs blest,
With triumph entered into rest,
Upbraiding all the faithless crew;
The deacon Stephen, foremost found,
Who great in faith, in life renowned,
High miracles had power to do.

Now fierce with rage the serpent's brood
Who 'gainst the truth had vainly stood,
Their lying witnesses prepare;
As savage prowlers in the night,
These adversaries of the light
Whet their fell tongues with venomed care.

Brave warrior! yield the fight to none,
Be sure thy great reward is won,
O Stephen, grasp the heavenly fruit;
Make those false witnesses turn pale,
Press on them all thy glorious tale,
And Satan's synagogue confute.

Thy Witness is in heaven above,

Faithful and true, of deepest love,

The Witness of thy blamelessness;

Thou hast a name—"The crown to wear,"

Befits thee then these pangs to bear,

A crown of glory to possess.

That fadeless crown in heaven shall flower, O suffer then brief torment's power, Thy victory awaits thee sure;
Death shall be made thy natal day,
And pain that passeth soon away
Give life for ever to endure.

Filled with the Holy Spirit's grace
And fixed on high his steadfast face,
Stephen the opening heaven can see;
God's glory now before his eyes,—
He struggles freshly for the prize
With strength that tells of victory.

Lo! Jesus now, at God's right hand, Fighting for thee Himself doth stand, Stephen, consider Him and see; Shout that to thee is heaven unsealed, Shout that to thee is Christ revealed, Cry out with voice that echoes free.

And now his parting soul to take

His Lord he prays, for whose dear sake

Death 'neath the very stones is sweet;

While before Saul who stones to-day,

The stoners all their garments lay

That all their guilt in him may meet.

Lord, not to these impute the blame;
Such words from pitying Stephen came,
Who, calling on his Master's Name,
Loud for his blinded murderers prayed;
And then in Christ he fell asleep,
Who did to Christ such fealty keep,
And life with Christ shall ever reap,
The Martyrs' glorious first-fruits made.

# Christmas.

(St. John the Evangelist's Day.)

#### VERBUM DEI DEO NATUM.

Nor made, nor yet created, came

The Word of God to bear our human name,
But born of God, replete with grace;
Him John beholding face to face,
Handled with hands, saw Him with glory shine,
And in the Spirit's words declared that life Divine.

'Midst the deep channels fixed of yore,
Through ages long the stream of truth to pour,—
The crystal fount of life to bring,
Which from beneath God's Throne doth spring,—
And proffer to the world that nectar bright,
The loved Apostle John leaped forth to fullest light.

His piercing gaze on heaven intent,

Forth from lone Patmos John in spirit went;

Past circling worlds he soared in flight

Up to the source of perfect light,

Shaded by seraphs' wings he viewed the Throne

All dazzling white in heaven, and Him that sat

thereon:

He heard those words the elders sing,

The harps around the Throne responsive ring,

Immortal voices, deathless lay,

To God and to the Lamb for aye;

Taught of the Trinity, John bore their seal,

And with that heavenly truth impressed our commonweal.

With boundless range our eagle flew,
Nor seer nor prophet old such vision knew,
The Gospel scheme he saw complete,
In Christ each promised blessing meet;
With all that in the mighty future lies,
No soul of man more pure beheld such mysteries.

Our Lord in garments dyed with red,
Came forth with conquering might, by prophets said,
But dimly known to mortal eye;—
Then from His palace in the sky
Ezekiel's eagle, faithful John, he sent,
Who to His Church should show all gracious things
He meant.

Belovèd of the Bridegroom, tell

His message to the Bride he loves so well;

How that he cometh yet to bless

His own with perfect holiness,

How Angels' food to mortal man is given,

How in the Bridegroom's sight rejoice the saints in

heaven!

Thou who on earth didst freely share,
On Jesus' breast, His heavenly feast, declare
How in that Bread our souls may feed
On Him the spirit's life indeed;
So shall our praises rise before the Throne
To God and to the Lamb, high o'er the ethereal zone.
Amen.

# Christmas.

(Holy Innocents' Day.)

#### SALVETE FLORES MARTYRUM.

Sweet Martyr flowers, fresh from your early dawn,
By ruthless Herod torn away;
As opening roses strew the ravaged lawn
Beneath the tempest's sway!

Before Christ's Altar, lo, a tender band,
First victims for their God, appear;
Seem but as toys in sportive infant's hand,
The wreath and palms they bear:

Those startling words have reached the tyrant's ear,
When from the east the Magi came,
"Behold, to David's throne a Prince draws near,
To rule o'er Israel's name."

- How fiercely raged the savage Herod's wrath,

  No fear of God or man withstood,

  "Go sweep," he cries, "this rival from my path,

  And quench our fears in blood.
- "No male of tender age your hand shall spare, Search e'en the mother's fostering breast; Lest but one nursling, guarded by her care, My vengeful will arrest."
- Then raged the men of blood with hellish might,
  Their thirsty daggers sought the prey;
  Each infant soul but newly called to light,
  Was torn from earth away.
- O sight of horror through that blood-stained land! Voices of more than mortal woe! Scarce in your darlings' limbs the murderer's hand Found room to plant the blow.
- Great God of heaven! shall mortal man oppose, Or Herod's guilt Thy purpose stay? Alone 'midst victims, safely through His foes, Thy Christ goes on His way.

# Epíphany.

### MAJESTATI SACROSANCTÆ.

Unto the Majesty on high,

The Church triumphant in the sky,
Joined with the Church on earth,
Keeps a high Jubilee to-day

Where grateful lips their homage pay,
And hearts that chase all sloth away
Rejoice with sacred mirth.

Lo, Jesse's branch a blossom bears,
The day-spring new a star declares,
While at the lowly shed
Kneel the wise kings of eastern fame,
Who brought by heavenly presage came,
Not wanderers, but by that bright flame
Rejoicing to be led;

Three kings a threefold office take,

So Christ, both God and Man, doth make

With flesh and spirit One;

The Triune God three gifts declare,

Three Persons adoration share,

While to the One in essence there

Is reverent worship done.

Incense and gold and myrrh they pour,
Lavish of costly gifts, yet more
Regarding 'neath the earthly store,
A heavenly verity;
Three gifts, three figures here behold!
In incense God, a King in gold,
In myrrh mortality:

The incense burns to God alone,
The gold proclaims His kingly Throne,
His wealth and dignity;
And by the myrrh, they show to-day
That Body where Himself doth stay,
The Word made Flesh, that no decay,
No taint of earth, shall see.

O Christ, may we Thy Presence know,
Star of our pilgrim road!
When from earth's darkening vale we go,
On us Thy saving grace bestow,
And guide to light's abode;
There in the Father, and in Thee,
And the blest Spirit, may we see
The glory of our God.

# Epiphany.

(Before Septuagesima.)

### ALLELUIA DULCE CARMEN.

O SWEETEST strain! voices of endless joy,

Ye Alleluias!

Dear praises that celestial choirs employ,

Blest Alleluias!

Where the bright Saints for ever staying

In God's own house, their ceaseless homage paying,

Sing Alleluia!

Jerusalem, glad mother, aye doth sing
Her Alleluias!
Her joyful citizens' loud voices ring
With Alleluia;
Alas! can we, amidst our weeping,
By Babylonian streams sad exile keeping,
Sing Zion's hymn?

Our sinful state now makes us intermit
Our Alleluias;
Nor with unceasing voices may we yet
Sing Alleluia;

Soon must we, our past sins bewailing, Cry out, before the Throne of grace prevailing, Thou, Lord, have mercy.

Hear then our prayer, blest Trinity, to Thee
All praise be given;
Grant us the supper of the Lamb to see,
The feast of heaven:
There joyful adoration bringing,
Before Thy glorious Throne to join in singing
For ever and for ever, Alleluia!
Amen.

#### Lent.

(Sunday Morning.)

#### O SOL SALUTIS INTIMIS.

JESU, Sun of our salvation,
Fill our inmost souls, we pray,
Whilst the night's departing shadows
Fly before the orb of day.

Instant now Thy holy season

Blossoms forth to life anew;
Be it ours this time accepted,

Hear us, Lord, for mercy sue.

May our hearts with tears be cleansed, Contrite rivers from the eyes, Then by fervent love enkindled, Burn to Thee in sacrifice. Streams will flow of healing virtue From the fountain of offence, Where the flinty heart is smitten By the rod of penitence.

Fraught with hopes of glorious promise,
Rich in blessing, comes Thy day;
May we, brought by Thee from wandering,
Joyful follow on the way.

Thee, O Triune God of mercy,

Let a prostrate world adore,

Be that hymn of praise immortal

Ours through grace for evermore.

Amen.

#### Lent.

# CLARUM DECUS JEJUNII.

DEPTHS of love with power Divine,
Thou, O Christ, to man dost show
In that wondrous fast of Thine,
Hungered, tempted by our foe;
Thou, the Lord of all, to take
Want upon Thee for our sake:
From Thy painful watch, Thy need,
Ever streams of grace proceed,
Pointing where hid treasure lies,
Hallowing earthly sacrifice.
Lord, with us this blessing be;
Sanctify our fast to Thee.

Fasting all alone with God,

Type of Him that greatest One,—

Moses in the mount abode,

Glorious then his visage shone;

Thence Jehovah's law he bore,
Honour such had none before.
Forty days to Horeb's brow,
Fasting, see Elijah go;—
There, with mighty sign and word,
Held in converse by his Lord;
In the car of fire ascending
Mortal, with no mortal ending.

Fasting, supplicating, lowly,
Daniel for his people prays,
Till the vision high and holy
Comes that trembling one to raise:—
Shielded from the lion's paw,
Deepest things the prophet saw.
From the desert, hark! a cry,
John, the Bridegroom's friend, draws nigh,
Of the kingdom's glory telling,
Sinners from their sin compelling;
Foe to each delight of sense,
Mighty in his abstinence.

These Thy faithful ones, O God, Ever our examples be; Fast we with them on our road,
Strive we for their victory;
Aid our weakness with Thy might,
Whilst with fleshly lusts we fight;
'Midst extremity of ill
Thy dear joy be with us still.
Grant, O Father, through the Son,
And Blest Spirit, this be done;
Thou Who in the Threefold Name
Art One God, for aye the Same,
To Whom alone be praise.

## Lent.

#### REX CHRISTE FACTOR OMNIUM.

O Thou by Whom the worlds were made, Our Saviour, Christ the King, Look down and hear our suppliant prayer, The hymn of praise we sing.

By Thy dear wounds upon the Tree,
By all Thy woes, Thy pain,
With saving grace Thou freed'st our race
From Adam's sinful chain.

Creator of the stars! did'st Thou Man's fleshly covering wear? In servile guise before our eyes Such pangs vouchsafe to bear? All with her children's guilt corrupt,
The world in ruin lay;
Thy precious Blood with cleansing flood
Washed those foul stains away.

Earth quaked to see Thee on the Cross,
Redeemer, Lord of heaven:
Thick darkness spread when Thy blest Head
Was bowed, Thy Spirit given.

Straight to the Father's glory raised,
Thou in the height dost shine;
O send for guest the Spirit Blest
To shield us, King Divine.

#### Lent.

# (On the five Sacred Wounds of Christ.)

#### LAUS SIT REGI GLORIÆ.

Praise we God, the King of glory, on His Throne exalted high,

All the world with grace bedewing from His mercy's rich supply;

Him the Angel hosts adoring, Voices ever gladness pouring, Holy, Holy, Holy! cry.

Now in honour of her Saviour let His Church glad homage bring;

Christ's dear Wounds, His Blood so precious, be the glorious theme we sing!

Treasures rich of grace proclaiming,

Love Divine each heart inflaming,—

Loud the joyful notes shall ring.

He who came the great Deliverer, gives Himself to wear our chain;

To the Cross for man affixed, Christ, the Lamb of God, is slain:

See, His priestly stole of whiteness Take its hue of kingly brightness From that Altar's crimsoning stain.

Now is Paradise unsealèd; for the well-belovèd Son Forth they bear the robe of honour, ring and shoes He putteth on;—

By the joyful Angels greeted, At the Father's banquet seated, Resting from His labours done.

Jesu, hail! Thou Bread of Angels! of Thy joyful saints the Crown;—

To each humble soul and holy Thou their All in all art known;—

May Thy Wounds, with voices pleading, For us sinners interceding, Cry before the Father's Throne. In despite and scorn they crowned Thee, piercèd, wounded, scourged, betrayed;

With transgressors Thou wast numbered,—on the Cross of shame displayed;

Then the bitter drink was tendered; Unto God Thy Spirit rendered: In the tomb Thy Body laid.

Saviour, Thou such woes enduring, turnedst our sad doom aside;

But for Thee, life's truest Author, heaven to man were still denied,—

On our path by snares surrounded,— By the Serpent's venom wounded,— We Thy children yet had died.

Lo! to men in darkness lying, sudden comes the light of day;

Thou, O Christ our Sun, arising, o'er the world dost cast Thy ray;

Hopeless souls in prison pining Joyful hail Thy glory shining, Darkness, mourning, flee away. To this feast of sweetest mercy comes Thy Church with reverence near;

Lute and voice Thy sorrows hymning, in our hearts
Thy wounds we bear;
By those sufferings we implore Thee,
Very God, we kneel before Thee,
Jesu, pitying Jesu, hear.

On life's troubled ocean sailing, oft amidst the breakers cast,

Thee with strong desire we long for, Thee the hope of ages past:

Toiling in the storm behold us, With redeeming Arms enfold us, Bring us, Lord, to heaven at last.

### Lent.

(Passiontide.)

#### AVE CRUCIS DULCE LIGNUM.

HAIL, sweetest Cross! to triumph call
The kneeling world around,
For thou, to bear the Lord of all,
Alone wast worthy found;
Jesus, on thee exalted high,
Has conquered death, has reached the sky,
Destined, as Isaac, to be slain,
Christ's sacrifice complete is man's eternal gain.

Hail, ladder of our sins, on thee
The King of Glory trod,
Now through His open footpath, we
Go up to Angels' company,
Man may ascend to God;

Author of life, true David's Seed;
Thou hast restored our life indeed;
For us Thou mad'st Thyself so low
That a redeemed world might Thy salvation know.

Hail, Sign of grace, henceforth to sway,

Thou standard of our King!

Through thee, their sins all purged away,

His faithful flock in bright array

Shall the good Shepherd bring;

O may we keep Him at our side,

To realms above our Light and Guide,

His saving Cross of glorious state

With His own precious Blood He deigned to consecrate.

### Lent.

(On the Passion of our Lord.)

# ECQUIS BINAS COLUMBINAS.

O THAT my soul, upborne on dove-like wings,

Could swiftly fly

To where the sheltering palm, my Saviour's Cross,

Spreads forth on high;

That Cross where hung in agony

He that all nations longed to see;

The King whose glory none can tell,

Reproaches there and scorn befell

From passers by.

Awake my heart, Jesu, Thy love unfold,

Thy mercies' store,

And deeply hide me where Thy sacred Wounds

Salvation pour.

Firm on the Rock of ages place
In sheltered cavern of Thy grace;
The sparrow here shall find a nest,
My soul in quietness shall rest,
'Her sorrows o'er.

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Dost thou, my God, my loving Lord, endure
These pangs for me?

For my unworthiness, oh! art Thou nailed
To the sad Tree?

Jesu, to save the thief from loss
Thou art uplifted on the Cross,
And for my sins Thyself dost give,
Thou my true Life, in Whom I live,
Death's prey to be;

Vile as I am—Jesu, Thy love esteems

Me all too high,

And when my heart beats not with answering love,

O let me die!

Now blessèd be all-conquering love

That opens wide the heavens above,

When death's keen arrows sharpest fall,

Love but as dreams regards them all,

That idly fly.

Jesu, Whose love redeemed Thy creature man
From endless pain!

Let that vast love inflame my sluggish soul
With love again;
O make my heart indeed to burn,
To Thee with love unceasing turn,
That one with Thee Thy death I die,
Jesu, with Thee to live on high,
With Thee to reign.

## Lent.

(On the Passion of our Lord.)

### SALVE MUNDI SALUTARE.

Saviour of the world, to Thee,
Jesu, low I bow the knee;
To Thy Cross I'd fain be knit,
For Thy holiness be fit,
Pour down Thy grace on me.

Thee, the King of Saints, I own,
Thee the sinner's hope alone;
Very God as guilty man—
Thine the drooping limbs I scan
Bowed on the felon's tree!

(Hard of heart and vile in deed,)
How shall I before Thee plead?
How repay Thy love so high,
Who for me didst freely die
That I might live again?

Hail, Thou nailed to the Tree,
Agonising wearily;
Stretched upon the bitter wood,
Jesu, Thou my Shepherd good,
All hail Thy saving pain!

Hail, the thorn-becrowned Head,
Face with spittings vile o'erspread;
Hail that Visage, bleeding, marred,
Smitten with the reed and scarred,
And wounded all with blows!

Hail, my Saviour's wounded Side!
There all springs of comfort bide,
There all love in fulness reigns;
Thence to wash away our stains,
That fount of Blood o'erflows!

Bleeding Hands, nail-piercèd Feet,
Cruel marks my sight that meet,
I embrace them with my heart,
Of Thy Wounds I feel the smart,
While trembling in Thy sight.

Jesu, at Thy Feet I lie,
Hear, O God, a sinner's cry;
All unworthy though I be,
Show Thy favour still to me
From Thy dear mercy's height.

Since one day I needs must die,
Then be Thou, my Saviour, nigh;
In the awful hour of death,
Jesu, free my struggling breath,
And guard my soul from loss.

When Thou bidst me hence depart,
Then, dear Lord, Thyself impart;
Object of my soul's embrace,
Show me then Thy very Face
Upon the saving Cross.

## Lent.

(On the Passion of our Lord.)

## AMOREM SENSUS ERIGE.

RAISE up our earthly love'
To Thee in heaven above,
O Lord of Grace, we pray;
That in our hearts may shine
Thy clemency Divine,
All guilt's foul shade away.

Man's helpless fallen state,—
His sinfulness how great,—
Thy pity, Lord, has known;
By nature prone to ill,
Through weakness erring still,
In misery we groan;

Before Thy view is brought
Each inmost secret thought,
To Thee all hearts are bare;
O let not empty dreams
Which this false world esteems,
Thy people's souls ensuare.

To share our earthly woe
The heavens Thou didst forego,
Thy state of glory leave;
To save our souls from loss,
Thou, Jesu, on the Cross
Thyself to death didst give.

Then let the precious tide,
That from Thy riven Side
Came forth a healing stream,
Make clean our hearts within,
And from the power of sin
Each new-born soul redeem.

Strangers, we come from far, Pilgrims on earth we are Who in sad exile roam; O lead us back to Thee, The courts of life to see, Our haven, Thou, and home.

Truth and dear charity
Are aye athirst for Thee,
Thou fount of living grace;
O bliss beyond compare,
The joys Thy people share
Whose eyes behold Thy Face.

Great is Thy glory, Lord!

To Thee with one accord

All honour, praise, is given:

Thy servants night and day

Their grateful homage pay

With hearts that mount to heaven.

O be our task the same,
In Thy most holy Name
To serve Thee, Lord, on earth;
Thy Name, Thyself, we need
To make our aims succeed,
To give them heavenly worth.

To God the Father, Son,
And Spirit, ever One,
All-blessèd Trinity;
Be glory now, and praise,
And through all coming days,
And for eternity.

# Cagter.

# MITIS AGNUS, LEO FORTIS.

Lamb of God, the gentlest, purest,
Lion strong, who are endurest,
Roused from Thy sleep this day;
Sleep where death three days had bound Thee,
Now with risen saints around Thee,
Borne upon Thy conquering way;

From the powers of death and hell Calling us with Thee to dwell.

With the first clear rays of morning
On that rocky portal dawning,
Come the women near His tomb;
Spices rich, and unguents bearing,—
For their pious vow preparing;—
Who shall roll them back the stone?—
Ah, what vision of surprise
Meets those faith-anointed eyes!

Hither equal love has brought you,
This your hearts, O women, taught you,
Faith alike in One dear Name:
Lo! the sepulchre unsealed,
Mark these shining ones revealed,
Hear the message they proclaim!
"Cease, ye tremblers, cease your fear,
Christ is risen, He is not here!"

Seek not here the King of Glory,
Lo! He goeth now before you,
Haste ye hence with joyful speed,
Unto Peter and the brethren,
All the gracious news declaring,
"Christ the Lord is risen indeed."
In immortal life again
Evermore doth Jesus reign.

# Caster.

# NUNC NOVIS CHRISTUS CELEBRETUR HYMNIS.

OF Christ our Lord the glorious triumph sing, To Him, the Conqueror, fresh anthems bring, Who by His death Himself destroyed the sting Of death and grave.

Back from the tomb its stony barrier rolls,

Forth o'er the prostrate guards His way He holds,

And bursts the chain within whose stifling folds

Creation groaned.

That flock which fear compelled to shades of night Now sees its risen Lord in fullest light, While, pledges of His love, to faithful sight His Wounds He shows. Of God's bright realm He opes the charter high,
And stands Himself, its living Image, by,
Teaching us how to this world men should die,
And live for heaven.

For ever living, Thou, O Christ, dost reign,
Grant then that we, redeemed by Thy pain,
May, through Thy saving life, arise again
To life with Thee.

Now to the Father and the much-loved Son, Who by His death our endless life has won, Joined with the eternal Spirit, Three in One, Be laud for aye.

# Caster.

#### PONE LUCTUM MAGDALENA.

O Mary, put away thy grief,
And stay the tears that fall!
Needs not thy weeping for relief,
This is not Simon's hall;
Glad news of bliss without alloy,
A thousandfold to swell thy joy,
For Alleluia call.

O Mary, lift again thy head,
Thy face from off the ground;
All anguish with the night has fled,
And brightness reigns around;
Jesus the captive world has freed,
O'er death has triumphèd indeed,
Let Alleluia sound!

Joy to thee, Mary! Christ is risen,

Thy sorrow gone for aye,

Forth from the tomb, death's shattered prison,

The Conqueror mounts on high;

Thou mournedst once His dying pain,

Rejoice to welcome Him again,

And Alleluia cry!

See, Mary! His, that gracious Brow,—
'Tis He, Thy Lord, replies,—
Once dead, He ever liveth now,—
Before thy dazzled eyes
His precious Wounds as jewels shine,
And deck anew His life Divine;
Let Alleluia rise!

Mary, eternal life is thine!

No more may death appal,

On thee the Master's Face shall shine
In His own heavenly hall;

O may our souls thy rapture know,

Our hearts with love as fervent glow!

Sing Alleluia all!

# Caster.

#### PLAUDITE CŒLI.

Break forth, ye heavens, with singing,
Bid the bright ether smile,
From deepest caverns of the night,
From summits pinnacled in light,
Let praise ascend the while!
No more the tempest pours its fiery blast;
Behold the tree of life has bloomed
To crown our joy at last.

Ye vernal flowers up-springing,
In beauty ever new,
Pale lily, rose of queenly red,
Sweet violets from your odorous bed,
Come, decked with richest hue!
Fresh from the lap of earth your tribute bring,
Her brighest, fairest offspring ye,—
To greet your Heavenly King.

Full heart and voice exulting,
Pour forth your strain of praise!
With words of old prophetic fire,
And hands that sweep the poet's lyre,
Your heaven-borne anthem raise!
Lo! Christ the Merciful from death and grave
Returns according to His word,
Our ransomed race to save.

Earth from her strong foundations
Repeat the joyful cry!
From smiling vale and hoary mountain,
Each loud resounding stream and warbling fountain,
Let voices mount on high!
Lo! Jesus now from death's dominion free,
For evermore doth live and reign,
Our Lord and God to be.

## Caster.

#### MUNDI RENOVATIO.

AGAIN the world's new birth
Brings joy to heaven and earth,
Now to her risen Lord awakes creation all;—
The elements have heard,
And at their Maker's word
Come gladly forth to join in His great festival.

Quick darting fire is there,
And liquid floating air,
The gliding waters run,—earth's solid mass obeys;
Light particles ascend,
The weighty downwards tend,
All feel His moving power, each adds its note of praise,

Now rests the storm-vexed pole,

The waves more softly roll,

And o'er our budding vale the gentle breezes play;

The gushing spring-tide warms,

Again the verdure charms,

So soon the frozen earth has felt that genial ray.

Broke is death's icy clasp,—

No more with fatal grasp

The prince of this world keeps our captive race in thrall;—

While trying to enfold

Him Whom he could not hold,

From rescued man he sees the sundered fetters fall.

Life in full triumph reigns
O'er death, and man regains
His forfeit claim the joys of Paradise to share;—
The Cherubim who stand
Its guardians on each hand,
Now by our God's command,
Hold back the flaming sword and give us entrance there.

Christ from the grave arisen,
Sets free the souls in prison;
And with Himself in heaven,
Wills that His ransomed ones be joined in victory;
Then to the Father, Son,
And Spirit, ever One,
Be our glad homage done—
All honour, glory, praise, now and eternally.

# · Caster.

## ZYMA VETUS EXPURGETUR.

Purge the old leaven all away!

No malice in our hearts must stay

While on the Resurrection-day

We keep the festival;

This day which crowns our utmost hope;

Of wondrous power, of endless scope,

As law and prophets tell.

See Israel bound by Pharaoh's law
To tasks of mortar, brick, and straw,
Pursue the bitter toil;
This day their slavish labour ends,
Forth from the iron furnace sends,
Gives Egypt for their spoil.

Now to the King of heavenly might,
Who makes us triumph in the fight,
Pour forth the grateful strain;
This is the day the Lord hath made,
Each sin-afflicted soul to aid,
To cure our mortal pain.

The law its onward shadow throws,
In Christ the lines of promise close,
And full completion see;
Christ's precious Blood, so freely poured,
Quenched with its stream the flaming sword
To give us Eden free.

Type of our joy on earth begun,

Pledge of an endless gain,—
To joyful Sara came her son,
In whom Messiah's line should run,

For whom the ram was slain.
As Joseph issued from the well,
So Christ our Lord was raised from hell

Thenceforth with might to reign.

See Aaron's wondrous rod devour
The serpents' magic pride,
So Christ o'ercame the serpent's power,
His evil spells defied.
When 'neath the serpents' fiery breath
Rebellious Israel tasted death,
What arm could soothe their grief?
Their Saviour's token hung on high,
The brazen serpent 'gainst the sky
Shone forth to bring relief.

Christ's hook is in the dragon's jaw,
Bridled by Christ the ravening maw
Which wide as hell did gape.
Within the basilisk's fell shade
The weaned child his hand has laid,
Thence flies our ancient foe dismayed,
His conqueror Christ to 'scape.

Upon the mount by Bethel's path The scorners felt Elisha's wrath; So on her awful day, Jerusalem, whose bitter scorn
On Calvary her Lord had borne,
Now by remorseless eagles torn,
With her slain children lay;
David from Achish' presence hies,
A madman held to be;
The scapegoat to the desert flies,
And bird for cleansing sacrifice,
So Christ, to make us free.

Samson a Gentile wife has ta'en, And Philistines, a thousand, slain,— God's scourge on Israel's foe; Rising, he breaks the locks of brass, And Gaza's gates, a ponderous mass, Bears to the mountain's brow:

So Christ, our Judah's Lion, broke
The gates of death with mighty stroke,
And the third day He rose;
Called by His Father to the sky,
He bore His glorious spoils on high,
And there the trophy shows.

Jonah, three days 'midst darkness bound,
Escaped from realms of night,
Type of his Lord in hell profound,
Who forth from out the darksome ground
Was rendered to the light;
Now buds again the Cyprus vine,
Afresh with glowing fruit to shine,
As Christ returned with power Divine,
Fruits of His death to bring,—
The fading synagogue decays,
The Church in fullest glory stays
To bloom in endless spring.

So life and death in conflict strove,
And Christ, in very deed, above
Arose right gloriously,
While Saints, who witness of His love,
Rose a bright company:
Then let this morn with joyful light
Our evening's sorrow put to flight,
For Christ, our Life, has fought the fight,
Has gained the victory.

Victorious Lord, to Thee we pray, Jesu, the Life, the Truth, the Way, Who diedst the rage of death to stay, Let us Thy Paschal joys to-day

With thankful hearts embrace; Thou, living Bread, life-giving Stream, True Vine, that dost with richness teem,

So feed us with Thy grace, That through those cleansing waters pure, We, from the second death secure,

In heaven may see Thy Face.

# Agcengion.

#### TU CHRISTE NOSTRUM GAUDIUM.

O Christ, our Joy, gone up on high,
To fill Thy Throne above the sky,
How glorious dost Thou shine!
Thy sovereign rule the worlds obey,
And worldly joys all fade away
In that pure light of Thine.

To Thee in prayer Thy people bow,
O may our sins Thy pardon know,
The cleansing of Thy grace;
Then lift our hearts to Thee above,
On wings of faithfulness and love,
Who seek Thy holy place.

So when the sudden call shall sound,— When with Thy robe of clouds around, Thou, Christ, shalt come once more, Thyself our Judge may'st turn away
The penalty that sin should pay,
And our lost crowns restore.

Ascended up from mortal sight,
Jesu, we praise Thee in the height,
Our Joy, our great Reward,—
Whom with the Father we confess,
And with the Holy Spirit bless,
One ever-glorious Lord.

# Agrengion.

# PORTAS VESTRAS ÆTERNALES.

Lift up the eternal gate,

Set wide the heavenly door,

Ye Angel guards that wait,

Behold, your watch is o'er!

The Lord of hosts triumphant comes to reign,

Rejoice to see the King, girt with His glorious train!

Of white and ruddy hue,

His visage shineth bright,

And crimson to the view

His robe of dazzling light;

So on His joyful path the heavenly King

Proceeds in mighty strength, His thousands following.

Alone He trod the way
Salvation to prepare,
But now a vast array
Their risen Lord declare;—

Forth from the Saviour's Blood that harvest springs,
And these firstfruits for heaven, now with Himself
He brings.

Lo, Judah's Lion dread,

The Seed that was to be,

Hath bruised the Serpent's head,

Hath triumphed gloriously;

Praise to our God! lo! Zion's walls arise,

And her redeemed sons claim heirship in the skies!

O Christ, triumphant reign,
Thou Prince of endless peace,
Who freedst us from our chain,
Whose mercy ne'er shall cease,
Victor o'er death, Thou giv'st immortal days,
The courts of heaven rejoice to echo forth Thy praise!

Thou ope'st the realms above,

And for Thy servants there

Still with unfailing love

Bright mansions dost prepare;

Then grant me, Lord, Thy servant here to be,

And join my voice on earth to swell Thy jubilee!

So when this fleeting race
Of troubled life is o'er,
May I, upborne by grace,
To Thy blest Presence soar,
Thyself, O Christ, upon the Throne to see,
Where at the Father's side Thou reign'st eternally.
Amen.

## Ascengion.

# POSTQUAM HOSTEM ET INFERNA.

When Christ our Lord had quelled His foes,
And spoiled the prince of hell,
Again to heaven the Conqueror rose,
Thenceforth in bliss to dwell;
Angels who bent before Him
When their great King came down,
With joyful hymns of praise adore Him
Ascending to His own.

His glorious Body, now no more
Is present to our sight;
Above the crystal starry floor
Christ dwelleth in the height:
Yet still with power He guideth
All things beneath the sun,
Alike in majesty, abideth
With God the Father One.

Once on His mighty path alone
The vale of death He trod,
To fill in heaven His glory Throne,
Our Saviour and our God:
Now Christ no more for ever
Submits to death again;
Not twice the Lamb of God must suffer
To cleanse our mortal stain.

Incarnate once, so willed of heaven,
The Eternal Word was made;—
But once the atoning Victim given,
Our sin's vast debt hath paid:
Now Christ all-blissful liveth,
No pain can reach Him more,
And aye glad fruits of peace He giveth
From His undying store.

Ere to His own bright realms above Our Lord from earth withdrew, Thus at the last, with deepest love, He charged His faithful few:— "Go ye to every nation,
And, in the Name Divine,
Show forth the Gospel of salvation
With word and mighty sign;

"Unto My Father now I go,
In heaven with Him to be,
But ye of My return shall know
With fullest certainty:
Soon doth the Father send you
The Comforter for Guide,
All truth to teach, and wisdom lend you,
Brave heart and speech provide.

"Upon the sick man's drooping head,
In languishment of pain,
Your hands with healing shall be laid,
And raise him up again:—
The armies of the alien
At your rebuke shall flee,
No evil thing, or serpent's venom,
Come nigh you harmfully.

"Whoso believing shall obey,
And in My word abide,
With faith to wash his sins away
In Baptism's cleansing tide;
Pure from the stains of evil,
From Satan's bondage free,
One with the Saints,—in life eternal
The joys of heaven shall see."
Amen.

# Mhitguntide.

## VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS.

CREATOR Spirit, come in love,

And let our hearts Thy Presence know;

Made by Thy power, with life they glow,
O bring them grace from heaven above!

Our Comforter, thrice blessèd name!

Thou priceless Gift of God most high,

The living Fount of charity,

The soul's Anointing, virtue's Flame.

The Promise of the Father, Thou
Addest Thy riches to our speech;
God's Finger, Thou His Church dost teach,
And sevenfold gifts of grace bestow.

O may Thy love our spirits fill,

Thy fire inflame our inmost heart,—

Though life and strength and all depart,

Thy mighty power shall raise us still.

Far from before us drive the foe,

Nor peace, Thy precious gift, delay;

With Thee before to point the way,

No evil chance our souls shall know.

O make us more and more increase
In heavenly graces, purest joy,
The hateful bonds of strife destroy,
Knit us together in Thy peace.

May we the Father and the Son

Know truly, through Thy heavenly lore,
And Thee, O Spirit, aye adore,
From Both proceeding, Blessèd One.

Now through the ages ne'er to end,
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit's love,
And to our souls may Christ above
That unction of the Spirit send.

# Whitzuntide.

## VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS.

COME, Holy Spirit, nigh,

And from the heaven on high
Send forth Thy radiance bright;

Come, Father of the poor,

Thou giv'st us more and more,

Each heart through Thee has light.

Of all consolers best,
Refreshment ever blest,
Sweet inmate of the soul;
Our refuge from the heat,
Rest to the weary feet,
Sad hearts Thou makest whole.

O Thou, most Blessèd, shine And with Thy ray Divine Each faithful bosom fill; Who hath not Thee for guide Hath nothing good beside, All things are turned to ill.

Make clean each sordid part,
Soften the stony heart,
Bind up our wounds that bleed;
Bend Thou the stubborn will,
The feeble cherish still,
And help the wanderer's need.

O let Thy faithful see,
Who put their trust in Thee,
Gifts from Thy sevenfold store;
Reward their labours past
And place them safe at last,
In bliss for evermore,

Amen.

### Whitguntide.

### QUI PROCEDIS AB UTROQUE.

O Comforter, All-blessed One,
Who from the Father and the Son
Together dost proceed;
Make our dull minds to Thee aspire,
Touch Thou the stammering lips with fire,
Thy praises forth to speed!

Thou art Thyself the Love, in One,

Both of the Father and the Son,

Their likeness equally;

All creatures share Thy fostering grace,

Thou mov'st the heavens, Thou fillest space,

Thyself unmoved for aye.

Thy friendly ray, Thy shining light, How deep soe'er can put to flight The darkness of the soul;
Through Thee each cleansed heart is pure,
Thou for sin's leprosy the cure,

Dost make the sinner whole.

Through Thee the truth shines clear as day,
Thou makest known the peaceful way,
That path the righteous tread;
The froward heart Thou passest o'er,
But to Thy wealth of heavenly lore
Each godly soul is led.

Thy teaching leaves us nought obscure,
Thy presence shields from aught impure;
Beneath Thy guiding voice
The gladdened soul her boast will make,
The conscience purity partake,
And both in Thee rejoice,

The sacred elements through Thee
Their virtue take,—Thy energy
Gives sacramental grace;
Thy breath can hostile forces quell,
The arts of wickedness dispel,
And Satan's pride abase.

Thou com'st to soothe the troubled heart,
Thy presence fills each darkened part,
And rolls the clouds away;
A holy fire to cleanse the breast—
That scorches not, but gives it rest
From care's corroding sway.

Minds yet unformed are schooled by Thee,
Souls dead in sloth and apathy
By Thee to life are brought;
Thou makest eloquence resound,
Each heart that sheds its good around
Thy charity has taught.

O Thou Befriender of the opprest,
With Thee the weary learns to rest,
The poor forgets to sigh;
Teach us contempt of earthly things,
Give us the loving heart that clings
To the dear joys on high!

On Thee the humble soul is stayed, The contrite spirit feels Thy aid, With such Thou lov'st to dwell;
O hide our shame, make ills to cease,
From out our discords bring us peace,
And ever guard us well.

Thou with Thy visit erst didst cheer
The timorous, sad disciples here,
And gav'st them second birth;
So now to us Thy presence show,
Let us Thy consolation know,
With all the Church on earth.

Alike the power of all the Three,—
Each person like in majesty,—
Their Deity is One;
Thou from the Two proceedest forth,
Coequal also with them both,
Disparity is none.

Since then so great and such Thy part,

For as the Father so Thou art,—

When praise and prayer are made

To God the Father, God the Son,

To Thee be equal homage done,—

Like praises aye be paid.

Amen.

### Whitguntide.

#### VENI SUMME CONSOLATOR.

COME, chief Consoler, hope of man's salvation,

Descend upon our hearts this day;

Giver of life, O let Thy gracious Presence

Be with us on life's way;

Voice Divine, with ardour calling,

Dew of heaven in softness falling,

Thy sweet refreshment, blissful Spirit, bring,—

Thou goodness' very self, germ whence all good doth spring.

Thine is the breathing, Thou the dew of blessing,
Both of the Father and the Son;
Inseparate from each, from both proceeding;
With both for ever One:
Stream that pourest richest treasure,
Grace that knows nor stint nor measure;—
O may the Father and the Son bestow
Thy all-abounding wealth for our relief to flow!

Thou o'er the watery deep, great Spirit, moving,
Didst call the worlds to life and light;
And for the soul's new birth dost bless those waters
Aye in Baptismal rite.

Thou that makest clean from sin!

Fount where mercy's streams begin!

Each heart and mind springs purified through Thee,

Fount from the source of all, the fount of Deity!

As the pure life-spring of the mother's bosom
Yields to her child its precious tide;
So Thou, O purest Dove, Thy grace outpouring,
Dost for the soul provide;
From the living Rock Thou flowest,—
Fire of heaven, with life Thou glowest,—
O may our grateful hearts to Thee arise,
Lit by that flame of love, a holy sacrifice!

With voice of rushing wind the Father sent Thee,
His Son's dear mercies to impart,—
Healer of ills, O be Thyself the Unction
For each sick, weary heart;
Truest love from Thee is given,
Love on earth yet breathes of heaven,

Modest, fervent, free from stain,
Burneth, yea! for heaven again;—
Come then with power those hapless souls to aid
In bondage of foul sin,—by lawless love betrayed!

With whispered sweetness to Thy Saints Thou comest,

Mute to the busy world around;
O grant, Blest Spirit, in our hearts that love Thee,
Thy still, small voice may sound!
Thou God's holy truth dost show;—
Light that lightenest all below:—
In the splendour of Thy ray
Falsehood vanishes away.
Thou of life and health the Giver,
On our path O shine for ever!
So may we all, from earth's dark shadows free,
Blest Spirit of our God! find perfect light in Thee!
Amen.

## Whitzuntide.

### LUX JUCUNDA, LUX INSIGNIS.

BRIGHT day for ever famous,
Glad with the joy of heaven,
When to Christ's faithful band of followers
The Holy Flame was given;—
To bring to tongues rich utterance,
Make hearts with love o'erflow;—
That calls on both in sweet accordance
To join their voices now.

The Promise of the Father,
In Christ's redeeming Name,
At Pentecost His Church to visit
God's Holy Spirit came;—
As rivers softly streaming,
Flowed forth the oil of grace,—
With honey from the rock He fed them,
That Rock most firm of place,

Once unto Israel's thousands
God made His statutes known,
Not by the fiery tongues down-lighting,
But writ on tabled stone:—
Now to the few He sendeth
Within a chamber's bound,
New tables of the heart, new language
Big with one stirring sound.

At this high feast of ages,

While reverence due is paid,

Mark we the Church's deep foundations

By God's own Spirit laid;—

All hail ye living firstfruits!

What shall your harvest be

When to believing souls were added

This day the thousands three?

Of old before the Altar

At Pentecost were brought

Two loaves, the type of crowning mercy

Thereafter to be wrought—

When Christ the Master Builder,—
Himself the Corner Stone,—
Within His Church by faith united
Made Jew and Gentile one.

When for her children's ransom
Full sore the widow cried,
"Make ready vessels," said Elisha,
Then flowed the bounteous tide;
So to our souls prepared
God sends His heavenly dew;—
So this new wine the Spirit poureth
Must be in vessels new.

But if in base corruption

We live the slaves of sin,—

In heart and mind from Christ divided,

And darkened all within;—

Then doth the grieved Spirit

Reject us as unmeet:—

How shall there dwell in such foul mansion

The Holy Paraclete?

Be with us, sweet Consoler!

Thy gracious lore impart!

No root of bitterness may spring,

Or tongue with pointed venom sting,

Where Thou in presence art.

All heaven's good gifts around us,

Each mercy that we trace,

Whate'er can bless our mortal sight

With glimpses of the perfect light,—

Things pure and honest, lovely, bright,—

These all are of Thy grace.

O Light of clearest shining,
True Unction from on high,
With grace Divine to stablish, strengthen;
At earth's foundation nigh;
Thou o'er the dark and silent deep
To call the elements from sleep,
With quickening power didst move;
So upon Adam's children now
The new creation to bestow,
Through Thee again the waters flow
Rich with mysterious love;

That we by nature sinful,

Children of wrath before,

Become new creatures by Thy grace,

May with pure hearts Thy gifts embrace,

And bless Thee evermore.

Thou art the gracious Giver,

Thyself the Gift Divine,

Whate'er is good of man's devising,

The plan, the work, are Thine;

Ofform our voices for Thy praise,

And in each heart Thy temple raise;

Aye keep us from pollution free,

Thyself the source of purity;—

Washed in the Saviour's precious Blood

Be every evil power withstood!

While the good Lord our path beside,

Shall to the end His children guide,

In His dear likeness to awake,

And in His joys our thirst to slake:—

Be this, O Spirit, for Christ's sake.

Amen.

# Trinity Sunday.

#### VOX CLARESCAT, MENS PURGETUR.

With hearts renewed, and cleansed from guilt of sin,
Raise we our voices pealing to the skies;
Let a pure conscience echo joy within,
And all our powers in emulation rise
To Father, Son, and Holy Spirit's praise—
Three whom One Essence joins, one anthem here we raise.

Maker of all, the Father uncreate,—
Of Him from everlasting born, the Son,
And the Blest Spirit of co-equal state
From Both proceeding, are of Substance One:
So in this Trinity the Persons Three,
One Perfect Being are, One God, One Majesty.

Yet none the less each Person of the Trine God in His attributes distinct, we own; Vainly would reason grasp the things Divine, Man can but bend adoring at God's Throne.-O may the Father, Son, and Spirit be Our help in time of need, our joy eternally. Amen.

## Trinity Sunday.

#### PROFITENTES UNITATEM.

WE who the Unity profess

Let us the Trinity confess

And worship equally;

One God, but Persons Three are there,

Each Person differing we declare,

From each respectively;

But "of relation" this must be,

For here subsisteth One, not Three,
One sole "Original;"

Three Persons, Three, howe'er we name,
Yet is their essence One, the same,
Inseparable in All.

Single in will, in heavenly might,
In being One, in wisdom's height,
The Whole is single here;
Yet what the Persons Three possess,
Nowise in efficacy less,
With each One doth appear;

The Father, Son, and Spirit Blest,
One Godhead are, yet all possessed
Of special properties;
One virtue theirs, one light Divine,
One God, they with one splendour shine,
Each all another is:

Equal the Father and the Son,
Distinctiveness is with each One,
Yet leaves equality;
Alike in majesty of place,
From Both proceeds the Spirit's grace,
Himself their mutual tie.

These Persons rightly to discern, This mystery of God to learn, In vain would man essay; Here are no bounds of time or space, No laws of circumstance or place, To limit or to stay!

In God existeth God alone,

Him, the sole primal cause we own,

Whence causes all have birth;

From Him, their law, their force, their end,

His creatures they,—nor dare we blend

With God the things of earth.

Too weak our highest powers must be
To reason of the Persons Three,
Or worthily to name;—
What is "begotten," what "proceeding"
Profess I not to show their meaning,
Yet is my faith the same;

Dost thou believe? in faith abide,

Nor with presumption turn aside

From the great King's highway;

Strengthen the good, for right contend;

To errors by the Church condemned

Let not thy fancy stray:

So may we in this faith rejoice;
Knit in one faith let heart and voice
Ascend in songs to heaven;
Laud we the Threefold Unity,
And to the Undivided Three,
The ever-Blessed Trinity,
Like glory aye be given!

Amen.

NOTE TO STANZA 2.—Gantier explains that the Latin adverb "relative" is used here with special reference to the relation subsisting between the Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity; also, that the word "substantive" signifies that which subsists without reference to any other, as doth God.

# The Poly Eucharist.

#### LAUDA SION SALVATOREM.

O Zion, laud thy Saviour's Name!
To Him Who, King and Shepherd, came,
Thy hymns and anthems raise;
With thy best strength and power rejoice,
Though all too weak thy utmost voice
To sing that Saviour's praise.

The glorious theme before us now,
Whence for the soul such mercies flow,
Is that true food from heaven,—
The living and life-giving Bread,
Which, when the sacred feast was spread,
Was by the Church's gracious Head
Unto the brethren given.

Then let our grateful hearts arise
In praise that echoes to the skies,
Undimmed by earthly shade;
While here in jubilation sweet,
In memory of our Lord, we meet,
With solemn vows the day to greet
When first His feast was made.

With this our table, spread to-day,
The ancient form has passed away;
We a new King's new law obey,
His Paschal feast to hold;—
Shadows by truth are put to flight,
The day-spring banishes the night,
New things replace the old.

The word which Christ at supper spake
When to the twelve the bread He brake,
That word we here obey;
And, as enjoined,—the bread and wine,
To be the sacrifice Divine,
Of grace the channel and the sign,—
We consecrate to-day.

This is the truth to Christians said,
That into Flesh doth pass the bread,
And into Blood the wine,
Our outward senses fail us here,
To sight or touch we come not near,
But faith discerns with vision clear
Things inward and divine!

Beneath those forms that meet the eye,
Signs only, not reality,—
Are the rich things we gain;
Christ's Body is our heavenly food,
Our strengthening drink, His precious Blood;—
While, 'neath both kinds, our hidden God
Himself doth all remain.

They who the sacred Body take,
Christ no wise separate or break,
But whole Himself they taste;
One taketh, or if thousands be
Takers, to each one cometh He,
Our Lord in full sufficiency,—
Nor doth by using waste.

Here good and bad together meet,
But with unequal lot they eat
Or life or death their due;
Life to the good, the sinner dies,
Behold! one source alike supplies,
What differing fates ensue.

This Sacrament now broke for thee,
Doubt not beneath this fragment, He,
Thy Lord, doth all abide;
The inward thing no scissure tears,
Only the sign a fracture bears,
Which state or stature naught impairs,
His that is signified.

Lo, here the Bread that Angels eat,
Is made for us the pilgrim's meat,
Bread for the children's love most sweet,
Nor may to dogs be given!
In figures old these things were said,
When Isaac was an offering led,
The Paschal lamb, a victim, bled,
And manna came from heaven.

Good Shepherd, Thou, our Bread indeed,
Jesu, have mercy on our need;
Us with Thy flock in safety feed,
And to Thy living pastures lead,
All precious things to see!
O Thou to whom all things are clear,
All power belongs to Thee,—
Who feedest us poor mortals here,
Let us in heaven Thy guests appear,
Co-heirs in bliss, companions dear
Of all Thy saints to be!

Amen.

# The Holy Eucharist.

### O ESCA VIATORUM.

Behold the traveller fed,

Lo! here the Angels' Bread,

The heavenly Manna see;

O feed our hunger still,

And with Thy sweetness fill

The hearts that seek for Thee!

Pure fountain from above
Of the dear Saviour's love,
All power is Thine to save;
Hither our prayers we bring,
Give us to drink Thy spring,
In Thee our souls to lave.

Jesu, Thy Church's Head,
Whose presence 'neath the bread
We worship, grant us grace,
The veil from off our eyes,
To meet Thee in the skies,
All glorious, face to face!

Amen.

# The Holy Eucharist.

#### AVE CORPUS CHRISTI CARUM.

Hail, O Sacrament Divine!
Precious Body of my Lord,—
Purify this heart of mine!
Feed me! Thou, the Eternal Word!—
In this feast of sweetest grace
Grant me to behold Thy Face,
And Thy glorious gift embrace;
Hear, O Christ, my prayer.

Hail, all hail, life-giving tide,
Blood of Jesus, Saviour dear,
Me with living strength provide,
Through my every hour be near!
When this earthly toil is o'er,
Open, Lord, for me the door,
With Thy saints for evermore
In Thy joy to share!

Amen.

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### Commemoration of Saints.

#### IN DIEBUS CELEBRIBUS.

Thou who would'st celebrate

The Church's solemn days,

Turn thee from earth's corrupt estate,

Cease from forbidden ways,

Nor let the mind stray forth to this life's tangled maze;

But self-collected dwell,

Barring her citadel

From inroads of the low corporeal sense

To search her hidden life in quiet confidence.

Here while thy soul finds rest

Beside the eternal shore,

How in such moments shalt thou best

Thy Lord and God adore?

How at the Throne of grace thy heart's full offering

pour?

Let memory and free will

Their work of love fulfil,

Whilst reason's highest gifts their Author own,
And with united powers rejoice in God alone.

What treasure of delight

To seek Him and to know!

Has sin obscured thy mortal sight?

Repentant tears must flow;

And aye implore thy Lord His hidden Face to show;

Then bring each hope and fear

Into His Presence near;

Be good or evil, joys or sorrows, thine,

Refer them all to God, trust thou the arm Divine.

Bid faithful memory trace
All her good Lord has given,
Marvels of nature, gifts of grace,—
Sure promises of heaven;—
Redemption for the lost, and bliss for souls forgiven:
Think of that destined woe
Thy sin should undergo,—

Each bitter torment Christ thy Saviour bore, So thou preserved from wrath might'st joy for evermore.

This all-transcending theme
With ardour fire thy breast!
Then onward trace God's mercy scheme,
Consider of the blest,—
What is their endless peace? how joy the Saints
at rest?
The while thy senses lie
Entranced in ecstasy,—
Let the free spirit heavenward soar in flight,
And come in vision near to Salem's peaceful height.

O could'st thou grasp in thought
The joy God's people share,
When all that loving hearts have sought
They find in fulness there;—
Freed from their former ills, the weakness and the care,—
Within,—without,—around,—
In glory they abound;

Such the full stream for God's dear Saints that flows, Where He, their All in all, Himself in Presence shows!

Unveiled, face to face,

Him whom they love, they see,—

And taste the riches of His grace

With all love's fervency;—

Absorbed in God alone each thought and faculty;

Aye in the Father's sight

Christ's Visage shineth bright,

True Light that lighteth each one here below,

That gives to Powers above all things at will to know.

Jerusalem in heaven!

What gladness must be thine,

Where to the pure of heart is given

To see the sight Divine,—

Their glory and their crown, one God in Persons

Trine.

O Majesty! how fair,

O Love that dwellest there

For happy souls of men and Angels bright, Knit by their Lord in one, for ever in His light! How with their might they sing,—
Those blessed ones on high,—
To God their Father and their King,—
One glorious company
Whose action all is praise, praise one sweet
melody:—
The while this sole employ
Compriseth every joy,
With full fruition of the Godhead blest,
Their bliss ineffable is perfectness of rest.

Does not thy spirit yearn

Transported with amaze?

Wilt thou of these bright singers learn

To make thy festal days

In rest or movement all subserve thy Maker's praise?

Tell o'er His blessings past,

Mercies for aye to last;—

With heart and voice uplifted to the throne,

Praise Him with all thy strength, Him magnify

alone!

Thrice happy they and wise, Who, deaf to fleshly call, fare.

Send up their hearts in sacrifice

To the great Lord of all;

Nor suffer earth's vain cares to mar their festival.

A servile world in vain

Would join them to her train;

No festive joys for them but Christ hath share,

And in each hallowed fast with their dear Lord they

O grant us of Thy grace,
Father of lights, we pray,
In this our mortal trial space
Like service here to pay,—
To hymn Thy glorious Name, to love Thee, and obey;
That when on earth below
Our anthems cease to flow,
Us to Thy heavenly kingdom Thou may'st bring,
There with the Angelic Choir Thine endless praise to sing.

Amen.

# Festivals of the Holy Apostles.

STOLA REGNI LAUREATUS.

GLORIOUS Cohort Apostolic,
In the white robes of your King,
Senate of the mighty Monarch,
Homage to His Throne we bring;
Pure each heart and full our utterance,
So may men with Angels sing.

Praise Him for the world's great teachers,
Living channels of His grace,
Whom the one eternal Builder
Christ, the Church's Head, will place
High on thrones to sit before Him,
Judging well His Israel's race.

Theirs the mighty voices, telling

Far to earth's remotest shore,

How their Lord, o'er death victorious,

From the Cross His trophy bore;

Like the heavens God's glory showing,

Forth they send that wondrous lore.

Easy yoke, and light the burden
Which from Christ His servants bring,
His the grace that with their tillage
Makes the seed of life to spring,
Till with faith's rich harvests joyful,
Hill and valley laugh and sing.

As the king's bright daughter goeth 'Midst her shining virgin train,
So to Christ His Church presented,
Free from wrinkle, spot, or stain,
By these chosen of the Bridegroom,
Glorious ever shall remain.

Ever virgin, ever fruitful,

Aye the same, that Bride they bring,
In true hearts her spousals holding,

Whence the fruit of faith doth spring,

Dowered with grace that never faileth, By the everlasting King.

On the twelve divinely founded,
Christ has raised His temple high,
Living stones and mortar precious,
These the building firmly tie,
Gates of the celestial city,
Israel's bond of unity.

As beneath the sea of metal
Stood the oxen in array,
Workmanship of Israel's monarch,—
So in this, their Master's day,
Stand His twelve to tread the harvest,
Justice fans the chaff away.

Twelve the fountains sweet of Elim,
Twelve the Patriarchal line,
Twelve the offered loaves of shewbread,
Twelve the pontiff's jewels shine,—
So these leaders of the people
Testify the things Divine.

Through their word be error banished,
Faith extend her peaceful sway,
So may we, from sin delivered,
Wait with hope the judgment day,
So with blessed souls be numbered,
Joyful 'midst that great array.

## The Martyrs' Hymn of Triumph.

### QUID TYRANNE QUID MINARIS.

TYRANT, what threatenest thou? what pangs in store, What torments hast thou still? my love is more; Love makes my anguish sweet, soothes all my pain, O let me rather die than suffer stain!

Prepare the pile, the stake; do all thy will, Thy very worst, my love is stronger still; Love makes my torture sweet, soothes all my pain, O let me rather die than suffer stain!

How sweet the cross! how painless falls the steel!

Are these brief pangs all that of death I feel?

A thousandfold such wounds my love shall heal.

Love carries me through all, love conquers pain;

O let me die indeed; but die without a stain,

Amen

## Festivals of Martyrs.

## LÆTABUNDI JUBILEMUS.

Come we with hearts exulting
God's holy Name to praise,
Whilst in our joyful celebrations
We keep His Martyrs' days;
Here for Christ's sake the pains of death they bore,
And now through His dear grace they live for evermore.

In vain the world to tempt them,

With softness came arrayed;

These for their Lord true witness bearing,

The rugged path assayed:

To follow Christ, His earthly lot to share,

Death but the gate of heaven shall bring them to

Him there.

The Cross alone their glory,

A welcome load, they take;—

Deep in each faithful heart engraven,

The word that Jesus spake,—

"Let him who fain My kingdom's joys would know

Take up his cross and come, and follow where

I go."

Full well their Lord had warned them
Of trial by the way,
Prison and scourge and cruel mocking,
And death,—in grim array:—
So must His champions striving gain their rest,
Through patient suffering here, in mansions of the blest.

Tormented, wounded, dying,

These rich in faith behold;

Of whom the world was all unworthy,

Nor did their love wax cold;—

From the crushed grape so pours its rich supply,

The earthly husk sinks down, the spirit mounts on high.

That soul by God entrusted,

In earthen vessel given,

Now with a living house is clothed,

Eternal in the heaven:—

O wondrous change! from earth's pollutions free,

Around the Lamb in white, that glorious company.

And thou, Christ's holy Martyr,

Who claim'st our reverence now,

With the bright palm thy triumph's guerdon,

And diadem on brow,—

Thou, happy soul, behold'st in vision clear,

All that our mortal ken must darkly grope for here.

Of glorious Majesty,
God in the Unity Eternal
Of the Blest Trinity!
Whilst to that mystery for thought so high
Christ in His Sacrament,—which reason comes not nigh,—

Thou with full contemplation
Art joined in union sweet,
There in the Light of light reposing,
Faith and fruition meet:—
O feast Divine! O Jesu's boundless store!
Whoso on Thee doth feed, nor thirsts nor hungers
more.

To Thee, O Heavenly Father,

Let praise and blessing be

For this and all Thy Saints departed,—

Their faith, their victory!

Vouchsafe to us Thy succour

In all our earthly fight

Amidst a world of sin and sorrow

To combat for the right.

And Thou, O Christ, Thy Martyr's Hope and Crown,

May we with these in bliss for Thy dear sake sit

down.

## Festivals of Martyrs.

#### IN TRIUMPHUM MORS MUTATUR.

DEATH that erewhile was linked with shame,
Now calls to triumph high,
The Martyr lives to deathless fame,
Where guilt was doomed to die;
O sight befitting heavenly eyes!
Field where God's Angels deal the prize!
The Cross of Christ till latest breath
Embracing, sweet the Martyr's death!

He spurned the flattering world's delight,
Broke from her evil spell,
And now he overcomes in fight
The raging powers of hell;

By the bright world not led astray,
For God had shown a brighter way,
Not the world's wrath his soul could fright,
God's wrath alone he dared not slight.

What force shall bend the Martyr's will,
Or power compel his fall?
In fear of God he combats still,
Through love he conquers all;
Love strong as death asserts its sway
And takes the fear of death away,
E'en now the victor grasps his prize,
And vanquished death his captive lies.

While sinks beneath the empurpled blade
That outward form we see,
The inward man anew is made,
Fresh for eternity;—
Thou that with all-supporting Hand
Didst by Thy dying Martyr stand,
With that right Arm which helped his need,
Lord, make our weakness strength indeed!

Foes fiercer, though in bloodless strife,
Now vex the soul within,
Through fear or love, this fleeting life
Draws us by turns to sin.
Lest mortal terrors make us fear,
O keep Thy wholesome terror near;
Lest earthly fading joys we love,
Lord, draw our hearts to Thee above.

## Festival of a Uirgin.

#### VIRGINES EGREGIÆ.

Virgins high in excellence,
Rich in heavenly grace,
Whom The Bridegroom Christ hath chosen
Aye to see His Face;—
Crowned and raised you to His Presence
In eternal rest;—
Virgins, sing a hymn of gladness
To the ever-Blest.

Chastity's fair lily

When on earth ye wore;

And to please your loving Saviour,

Earthly love forbore;

Temples of the Holy Spirit

Fain ye were to be;

Christ the Lamb of God to follow

In His purity.

All for His dear service,

Life's bright bloom ye gave;

Nor the joys of sense could tempt you,

Nor the world enslave;

Christ the Virgin-born, for each one

Wreathed a spotless crown,

And in heavenly places made you

With Himself sit down.

Still in your glad footsteps
To their Lord shall go
They who watchful for His service
Seek Him here below;
Still must this world's careless daughters
Learn their mournful fate
When the Bridegroom's summons finds them
Slumbering at the gate.

Ah! when those sad pleaders

Hear their Lord declare,—

"Vainly now ye seek for entrance,

All too late your prayer;

But for these who faithful waited,

Virgins heavenly, wise,

These who loved, and sought My coming,

Now behold their prize!"

## festivals of Confessors.

#### SUPERNÆ MATRIS GAUDIA.

Those endless joys the Church on earth pourtrays

That with her heavenly mother dwell on high;

But while each year brings round her festal days,

For that perennial feast she fain must sigh.

Oh! may our gracious mother still defend
Her daughter struggling 'midst this vale of woe,
And from above, her Angel warriors send
To stand beside us 'gainst our deadly foe.

The fleshly lust, the world in fullest pride,

The subtle demon's whispered thought of sin,
In thronging forms assail on every side

And spoil the Sabbath of our heart within.

The Church's goodly path, her feasts, they hate,
Our soul's refreshments all would make their prey,
And that unholy league with power elate
Would drive the peace of God from earth away.

Here, in confusion, born alas of sin!

Our hopes and fears, our joys and sorrows lie,

Scarce lists the soul amidst that jarring din

The one half-hour of silent peace on high.

O feasts in heaven of bliss beyond compare,Where all in one rejoicing circle move,O blessed city, courts unknown to care,In which no place is found for aught but love.

Nor languor there nor chilling age is found, No fraud can reach, no terror of their foes, With one accord their joyful voices sound, And with like ardour every bosom glows.

There 'neath the threefold hierarchy of heaven
The Angelic citizens all joyful rest,
Such bliss to them their Monarch's rule has given,
The Triune King, one God for ever blest.

1 Cf. Rev. viii. 1.

Their zeal no weakness clogs, no doubts to shake Their trust in Him whom seeing they adore, Their God, the feast those happy souls partake, And still fresh bliss enjoying, thirst for more.

The fathers there in duteous order ranged,

Each in his portioned meed, their places hold,
All earth-born error's mist to clearness changed,

The light of perfect Light their eyes behold.

And these blest children of their Saviour's grace,
The Saints whose feast we celebrate to-day,
In glory now see His unveiled face,
To Him their King eternal homage pay.

Us too, who while on earth these glories sing,
When from the burden of the flesh set free,
May Christ through His all-gracious mercy bring
To join His saints in endless company!

### Festival of a Doctor.

## JAM NUNC QUÆ NUMERAS TOT TIBI VINDICES.

Religion! lift thy head
With triumph to the skies,
Behold in bright succession led
Christ's bannered hosts arise;
Comes the foe on, how oft soe'er,
Thy watchful champions meet him there,—
And laurels ever fresh thou twinest for their prize.

When Satan's cruel rage
Baptized the Church with blood,
Firm in Thy battle to engage
Each noble Martyr stood;—
When subtle heresy would weave
Its thousand mazes to deceive,
So oft Thy band goes forth of teachers wise and good.

Has deep corruption made
A vicious world its prey?

These come, as trenchant steel with aid,
And lop the sin away;

Does torpid ignorance enthral,
And darkness cover with a pall?

Benighted souls they wake, and bring again the day.

Through them the weak are strong;—
False doubts perplex no more,—
The soul by tempests vexed so long
Beholds at last the shore;—
For us who ever darkling glide,
Full careless, on life's ocean tide,—
These shine as beacon lights their heaven-sent ray to pour.

Lord! grant the truths of Thine

Which their blest lips impart,

Made fruitful by the grace Divine,

Be grafted in each heart;

That we who now on earth revere,

And follow these our teachers here,

May live their holy lives, and in their joy have part!

O very Truth of heaven,

Thine all the glory be!

Who in thy Blessèd Son hast given

To us Thyself to see;

When in His Gospel word we read,

No outward voice those scriptures need:—

Rich in the Spirit's lore, they fill our hearts with Thee.

Amen.

# Festivals of Just Men.

#### SUMMI PUSILLUS GREX PATRIS.

LITTLE flock, be not afraid!
Unto you Christ's words were said,
Telling all that wondrous love,
How your Father from above
Maketh His good pleasure known,
Gives the Kingdom for your own.

Now with Saints in glory reign
These who bore their earthly chain,
Joyful for their Master's sake
Poverty and scorn to take;
Undesired of mortal eye,
Taught to suffer, ripe to die.

By the path His Saviour trod
Went this Christian home to God,
Every faculty of sense
Ruled by holy abstinence;—
For the battle of the Cross,
Life and all he counted dross.

Sparing to himself, his hoard
In the poor man's lap was stored:
By the hidden manna fed,
God's undying Word he read;
Searching instant till the soul
Reached with prayer faith's highest goal.

O may we that warfare wage!

Make with them our pilgrimage!

Taste with them of Christ's dear love!

Rise with them to joys above!

Grant, O Father, grant, O Son,

Grant, O Spirit, this be done.

## Conversion of St. Paul.

(JANUARY 25).

### JUBILEMUS SALVATORI.

COME laud we Christ our Saviour,
By Whom such grace was given,
To call a sinner from his madness
To joyful hope of heaven;
What time to Saul His persecutor
The Lord reproachful spake,
And for Himself a chosen vessel
Deigned of that foe to make.

Yet breathing threats and slaughter, Bent on his path to smite, Saul with the evil judges' mandate, Goes forth in heathen might; Upon the Crucified One's servants
His zealous hands to lay,
And drag to prison and to torture
Christ's harmless flock away.

But lo! Who cometh sudden,
With dazzling light around?
His glory ray, O Saul, hath cast thee
Blind, trembling, to the ground;
'Tis Jesus, He thy injured Master,
Bids thee arise and go;
Though strangers' hands must lead thee sightless,
Thou canst discern Him now.

In tears, with prayer and fasting,

Next see the champion lie,

Till to his stricken soul believing,

Christ's pardoning words come nigh;

At once from eyes and heart enlightened

The scales of blindness fall,

And Saul the persecutor rises

The mighty preacher Paul.

Great teacher of the Gentiles,
Elect of grace Divine,
Aye may the Cross with widening glory
Through thy blest labours shine;
Still may thy prayer be with the Churches,
Before the heavenly Throne;
So may Christ's pitying mercy save us
For ever with His own.

## Conversion of St. Paul.

(JANUARY 25).

#### PAULUS SION ARCHITECTUS.

Paul, an architect of Sion,
Chosen by his Lord before,
Mighty teacher of the Gentiles,
Christ's redeeming standard bore;
Vessel elect on whom such grace was shed,
Type of that wondrous light which o'er the world should spread.

Dazzled by the heavenly brightness,
Sightless, Saul to earth is hurled,
Paul, enlightened by the Spirit,
Rises to inform the world;
To cherish faith, for virtue plant the way,
And free the nations round from error's deadly sway.

"Far from me be thoughts of boasting,"
Thus the great Apostle cried,
"In the Cross alone I'll glory
And in Him the Crucified:"
All things to bear for Christ he counted gain,
Himself for Christ would give to bear the Martyr's
pain.

All the power of human reason
Failed to find those truths Divine,
Which thro' God's elected servant
In the sacred pages shine;
Caught up above the Angels to the sky,
He brought us lore of heaven, the wisdom from on high.

From that fount which freely springeth,
Rich in grace to cleanse from stain,
Thou, O Christ, our spirit filling,
By Thy prayer our pardon gain;
Thy perfect merit for our vileness plead,
And place us in Thy realm, Thy citizens indeed.

# The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple,

#### Commanly called

# The Purification of Saint Mary the Mirgin.

(FEBRUARY 2).

#### TEMPLI SACRATAS PANDE SION FORES.

SET wide the temple gate O Zion, all elate!

Christ the High Priest and Victim crowns thy way:

Each type and shadow fled,

The very Truth instead

Dawns upon joyful hearts that open to His ray!

To be our ransom now

Needs not for blood to flow

Before the altar steps of bull or steer;

To do His Father's will,

All righteousness fulfil,

See Christ the Lamb of God by His own Altar here.

The lowly Virgin brings
Her offspring, King of kings,
Him the pure mother's loving arms enthrone;—
While at the Altar lies
Her humble sacrifice,
They hail the Gentiles' Light, and Israel's Glory own

In that propitious hour
Of love and conscious power,
Each sex and age came near, O Christ, to Thee;
With Saint and Prophet there
Faith's long-sought prize to share—
The day of promised joy, of present Deity.

O when so great a cloud
Of witness cries aloud,
While silent Mary prays in ecstasy,
Shall we not all adore
With her, and ponder o'er
Deep in our heart of hearts God's saving mystery?

To Him the Father, Son, And Spirit, ever One, Now and for aye let praise and glory be;

Thou who dost grace impart

To each true loving heart,
O hearken to our prayer, all-Blessed Trinity.

Amen.

# The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple,

#### Commonly called

## The Purification of Saint Mary the Mirgin.

(FEBRUARY 2).

#### FUMANT SABÆIS TEMPLA VAPORIBUS..

Now sweetest odours fill the sacred fane,

The Altar waits, the Victim goes before,

To follow Him, be not our call in vain,

But come we each, with thankfulness adore.

May faith yet brighter shine in splendour there;
Lit by the flame of love our incense rise,
Till gifts come down for pilgrim souls to share,
And God vouchsafe to crown our sacrifice.

Ah! who would cling to sinful life again;
Far better with glad Symeon now to die,
That we beholding Christ the Victim slain
May with our Lord taste bliss eternally.

Unto the Father and the Son be praise;
Like glory to the Holy Spirit be;
To Thee in sacrifice our hearts we raise,
O hear our prayer, most blessed Trinity.

Amen.

## Invention of the Cross.

(May 3).

#### RECORDARE SANCTÆ CRUCIS.

In the holy Cross delight,

Thou that wouldest walk aright

On the heavenly way;

Think of all its blessed store,

Ponder on it more and more,

All its glories say.

In thy labour, in thy leisure,

Be it sorrow, be it pleasure,

Where thou takest part,—

Smiles or tears, whiche'er thou knowest,

Hold the Cross where'er thou goest

Fixèd in thy heart.

Here thy smallest, greatest care, Every grief thy heart can share, Finds a thorough cure; Pains may rack and torments kill, But the pious soul shall still Prove this refuge sure.

Through the Cross heaven's gate is won,
Here, the saints, their warfare done,
Conquering entered in;
By the marvel of the Cross,
Love Divine redeems our loss,
Heals a world from sin.

By the Cross man's spirit lives,
True and shining light it gives,
Sweetness to his heart:
This the life God's saints enjoy,
This the treasure they employ,
Such their chosen part.

See the glorious banner wave
O'er that Leader strong to save
Every faithful son;
By this sign His ransomed know
Joy and comfort here below,
Bliss immortal won.

In the Cross a goodly tree

Laden full of fruits we see,

Hallowed by Christ's blood;

Drawing souls from earth away

At their Lord's high feast to stay,

Fed with heavenly food.

Honour then the saving Cross,
Count as nothing all the loss
Of the world beside;
Love with all thy heart's desire,
With thy soul's most ardent fire
Him, the Crucified.

## St. Mary Magdalene.

(JULY 22).

# COLLAUDEMUS MAGDALENÆ LACRIMAS ET GAUDIUM.

Sing we now with praiseful voices, Mary's sorrow, Mary's joy,

Theme of grace for pardoned sinners grateful hearts shall well employ;

Let the nightingale and dove Join in sweetest strains of love.

All her tearful soul o'erflowing, Mary saw but Christ alone.

Naught the throng of feasters shames her, so may Christ the outcast own,

> So may she His mercy meet, Pour her sorrows at His feet.

- Fed by penitential waters mercy's living Fount appears,
- Christ Himself the Cleanser bathed in that flood of cleansing tears,

Bounteous heaven which gave the rain Takes it back from earth again.

- Then the precious ointment pouring, sweetly redolent of faith,
- Mary's mystical anointing shadows forth her Saviour's death,

Unction to the Healer brought, Healing for the sick one wrought.

- She whose love had so abounded, pardon for her sins obtained,
- Great indeed the sinner's burden, mightier still the grace she gained,

First to her when Christ had risen Was His gracious message given.

- Well she counted Him the gardener—Jesus standing—yet unknown,
- Who with grace her soul had planted, seeds of living truth had sown,

Though as yet she might not trace 'Neath that type the Sower's face,

His, Who through His Spirit working, each true heart will safely keep,

Aye to ripen for that harvest, which His Angel-bands shall reap,

Till the well-loved accents came, "Mary," lo! He names thy name.

Joyful Mary, thou behold'st Him! to the garden of thy soul

Jesus comes, thou need'st no other, all thy sorrows to console;

Deep amidst thy life-springs find Him who moveth heart and mind.

Dry we too our tears with Mary, prostrate soul look up on high,

Of the empty tomb regardful, know'st thou not thy loved one nigh?

Is thy faith, thy spirit, cold,

Dost thou see and not behold?

Saviour, Thou Thy mercy pouring, Mary's sins didst wash away,

With that pardoning grace bedew us, hear us, Lord, with Mary pray;

So with her in glory we Christ our risen Lord shall see.

### The Transfiguration

(August 6).

#### JESU DULCEDO CORDIUM.

JESU! Thy sweetness to the heart

Doth joy above all joys impart,

Thou living Fount, the soul's true Light,

Can mortal longings reach Thy height?

Abide with us, good Lord, we pray, The Light to lighten all our way; From blinded hearts the veil remove, And fill creation with Thy love.

Where Thou the Inmate deign'st to be, Springs the pure fount of charity: With Thy all-seeing truth for guide, Pale grow earth's vanities beside. O dearest Jesu! guest Divine, May this Thy precious gift be mine, Within my inmost soul to know What glories from Thy presence flow.

Who quaffs the fulness of Thy love, Who tastes that Bread from heaven above, Thrice happy pilgrim! sweetest store! For life, for death, what needs he more?

Fountain of pity, Thee alone, Our country's very Light we own; O smile the clouds of grief away, And grant us Thine eternal day.

# The Transfiguration

(August 6).

#### DE PARENTE SUMMO NATUM.

O COME let grateful hearts declare
Those free-will gifts we mortals share,
By the Eternal Word in mercy given;
That Word Who aye with God abode,
From the beginning One with God,—
Born of the Father, God Himself in highest heaven.

To save our guilty race from shame
Replete with grace and truth He came,
In human nature made, with men to be;
Yet whilst the law of man He bore,
And this our fleshly garment wore,
He put not off thereby His true Divinity.

So in Himself Christ joined the twain, His heavenly Nature took no stain; Only by mortal veil enwrapped from view;

Nor in the Godhead's piercing ray

Did His Humanity decay,

But brought an added honour, gained a glory new.

Not as when sparkling on the board
Water and wine together poured,
Each merged in each, their mingling streams combine:
But whole, unmingled, and sincere,
Two perfect natures, both are here,
In truest union joined—the human and Divine.

This saving truth with power to show,—
For Christians here on earth to know
What things beneath the human veil lay hid;
Behold! to faithful eyes revealed,
By mortal covering unconcealed,
Christ, the Eternal Word, became transfigured.

The Face of Jesus shining bright,

His robe which clothed in glistering white
That Body destined to the atoning Tree;—

These as with Angel tongues declared
The glories by our nature shared
Borne by the Son of God to His high Dignity.

Yea more! the voice of God which came
His Well-beloved to proclaim,
In faithful witness calling through the air;—
That mighty Voice with echo clear
Still calls a listening world to hear
How in man's lowly form the Deity was there.

This know we then—our God is One
With Him the Virgin's glorious Son,
Christ in His splendour here to mortals shown;
Yet whilst the Godhead we confess
In Christ's One Person, not the less,
Two several natures, each of proper right, we own.

Lo! here the Corner-stone behold!

Rejected, scorned by Jews of old,

Now in the holiest placed, for aye to shine,

Precious, elect; this sight to see

Was granted to the chosen three

In vision on the mount, of Majesty Divine,

O Thou, whose guiding Presence led Thy Church of old through Jordan's bed, Thou, the true Joshua, guide our pilgrim band;

Fit us the heavenly crowns to wear,

One heritage with Thee to share,

Past this world's troublous waves, in blissful Canaan's land.

## Pame of Jegus

(August 7).

#### GLORIOSI SALVATORIS.

THE glories of the Saviour's Name,
Which ere time's circling ages came,
Deep hidden in the Father's bosom lay;—
In accents breathing heavenly dew,
That tell of mercies ever new,
Our holy mother Church proclaims to-day.

- List to the sweet, the precious Name, the Name ineffable,
- Jesu! that sweetest sound of all, Thy name delectable
- Frees us from pain and guilty stain, O Name most amiable!
- This is the Name to be adored, supreme in majesty, This calms our fears, this dries our tears 'midst deepest misery,
- All worthy Name whose praise and fame fill the bright courts on high!

- The preaching of that gracious Name is music to the ear,
- Who calleth on that Name for aid tastes honied sweetness here,
- In thought so high, faith mounts the sky, and sees her Saviour near.
- Jesu, Thy Name above all names exalted high of right,
- A Name of fear which demons hear and tremble with affright,
- Through love divine, on men doth shine, and brings us life and light!

Then let us all with one acclaim

Extol our blessed Saviour's Name,

So be that Name implanted in each heart,—

No power shall tear its roots away,

Till with the Saints in bright array

We unto heaven shall come, from Christ no more to part.

# St. Augustine, Bishop and Confessor (August 28).

#### SANCTI VISU COLUMBINO.

As the bright dove we mark on high,
With shining plume athwart the sky
Careering on her way;
And the strong eagle in his flight,
With gaze undazzled by the light,
That soars to meet the day;

So mount God's Saints to heaven above,
Borne on the eagle wings of love,
To Christ their glorious Sun;
Illumined by their Father's smile,—
With dovelike graces, pure from guile,
Their shining course they run.

Of such, the leaders prudent, wise,
Whom Christ from heaven with strength supplies
To rule His Church below;

As living wheels Ezekiel saw, The chariot of their God they draw, And in the Spirit go.

Four mighty teachers now we sing,
Who by their lives and doctrine bring
Christ's people to their Lord:
The Church rejoicing in their fame,
Grateful records each sainted name,
Each treasured deed and word.

First of the fathers Augustine,

That lover of the Word Divine,—

The Church's shining light,—

Sets forth God's City, tells its laws,

And from his store bright weapons draws

Each foe of grace to smite.

With golden words of heavenly worth
See mighty Gregory stand forth,
God's faithful steward,—to toil;—
His zeal extends the Church's bounds,
With care he remedies her wounds,
Makes glad with wine and oil.

Stern as Elias in his wrath,

See Ambrose cross the sinner's path,

Nor spare for Royal state:

Yet, gentlest Saint, in thee we own

The winning love for sinners shown;

Sin only dost thou hate.

Lone exile in the desert cell,

Jerome! thy stern rebukes compel

A faithless crew to hear:

With fasting thou the flesh would'st tame,

Thy learning comes with sacred flame

To read God's message clear.

Such are the shining lights we trace,
Bright clouds distilling dews of grace,
Whence rich refreshings pour:
May these precede us on our road,
And lead us trusting in our God,
Home to the blissful shore.
Amen.

# Beheading of St. John Baptist

(August 29).

#### PRÆCURSOREM SUMMI REGIS.

Forerunner of the mighty King,

Herald who camest to prepare His path;

The message of His law to bring,

And warnings of His wrath;

To thee our mother Church in bright array

Draws near with votive hymn to celebrate this day.

Thy natal feast we came to greet,

And now with joy thy martyrdom we hail,

Dear to the Church that memory sweet

O Baptist, ne'er shall fail:—

Let the whole world unite in glad acclaim,

"Greater than John hath none the Martyr's glorious fame."

Too dim our sin-enfeebled sight

All the great prophet's holiness to trace;

Too weak our voice to praise aright

God's embassage of grace;

Yet of His righteous servant may we tell,

And stir each faithful heart of those who love Him well.

No reed that moveth with the wind,

Forth went ye to the wilderness to see;

Truth's firmest pillar here ye find,

O Scribe and Pharisee!

Hark, sinners all, to that stern herald's cry!

How from the wrath to come he warneth you to fly.

Loud upon Herod's startled ear

Midst all his regal pomp those accents ring;

From prisoner's lips with words of fear-

His guilty breast to sting!

- "Despiser of God's law, beware," they say,-
- "Repent, and cast thy foul adulterous sin away."

O King, thy wrathful power in vain,

Would stem the flowing ocean of God's will,

His servant's limbs thou may'st enchain,

That servant's body kill;

Thou shalt but speed him to his wished-for goal,

Through thee he gaineth heaven, thou losest thine own
soul,

To wreak a vengeful woman's spite,

See the proud tyrant yield at Satan's call,

For sinful oath, that festal night,

The prophet's head must fall:—

Beneath the piercing steel he sinks to rest,

Aye on a grateful Church to shed his influence blest.

Well say'st thou, John;—thy light must wane
In the full splendour of the Saviour's ray;
The lonely cell thy blood shall stain,
While Christ in fullest day
Uplifted glorious—o'er the world shall shine,
And from His saving Cross show forth the light Divine.

Dear to our God His Martyr's blood;

Of purpose high those precious drops were shed;
So nurtured aye His Church hath stood
Firm knit to Christ her Head.
How blest the death that Saints and Martyrs die,
Whose works do follow them before the throne on high.

Now unto God the Eternal King,-

To Christ's all-conquering love our hearts we raise,

And to His great forerunner bring

This tribute of our praise:—

Such grace Thou, Jesu, to Thy Saint hast given;

O raise us in his steps from earth's dark vale to heaven.

## Holy-Cross Day

(SEPTEMBER 14).

#### CRUX AVE BENEDICTA.

Hall! Cross for ever blest,
Aye be thy triumph sung;
Through thee was tyrant death o'erthrown;
On thee—a King upon his Throne—
My God and Saviour hung.

O royal Tree, whose fruit

To heal a world is given;

With power to free the burthened soul,

To make the contrite spirit whole,

To raise from earth to heaven.

True sign of grace for man—
Those arms spread forth on high,
Where He on Whom all hearts do feed,
His faithful people's Life indeed,
Vouchsafed for me to die,

O Jesu, Son of God,
Thou on Thy coming day,
Foes of the Cross and friends shalt call,—
Lord, when Thy summons findeth all,
Remember me, I pray.

# Saint Michael and all Angels

(SEPTEMBER 29).

#### IN HAC VALLE LACRYMARUM.

FROM this valley of tears let our hearts with devotion

To the Father of spirits arise;

To His mighty Archangel due honour be given, Great leader who marshals the armies of heaven Round the Throne that is set in the skies.

By Michael's bright legions, the faithful abiding,
Our proud vaunting foe was o'erthrown;
To be equal with God he thought in his pride,
But was cast down to hell, his false angels beside,
Far from heaven's lost radiance to groan.

Dear to God the glad Angels who stand in His Presence,

Who joy on His errands to speed;
In the fulness of light God's truth they discern;
At the fountain of love, all His pity they learn,
And bear it to us in our need.

O city of holiness, King of all blessedness,
With Angels Thy citizens there;
Christ alone can bestow the rich treasures of grace
In judgment protect, and in surety can place;
May He grant us these glories to share.

To the Monarch's fair palace by Angels conducted,

Thrones—Powers—Dominations around;

In the Blood of the Lamb our souls cleansed from stain,

May we all to the light of God's Presence attain, For aye in His joy to abound.

# Saint Mithael and All Angels (September 29).

### ANGELICE PATRONE.

PROTECTOR Angelic
Blest spirit of love,
My teacher and guardian,
Sent from above,
Due thanks for Thy goodness
How fain would I give;
Without Thee I dare not
To die or to live.

Companion, counsellor,
Joined with my life,
O be Thou my leader
In all its long strife!
Thy watchfulness arm me,
O guide me, protect,

Thy spirit inflame me, Thy teachings direct.

O strengthen me weary
And faint on the way,
Guide back into safety
My footsteps that stray;
When rocks of offence,
When sin's pitfalls abound,
Thy strong arms enfold me
And lift from the ground;
So, free from earth's falsehoods
My spirit may rise
To where justice and truth
Have their home in the skies.

By demons of darkness
When ambush is laid,
My comrade from heaven
Come thou to my aid,
O'er hell's baffled powers
To triumph with me,
And O make me to choose
What is pleasing to Thee.

Still point me the pathway
Salvation to win;
My spirit be pure
From the plague-spot of sin;
Lest a traitor to God
From His truth I depart,
Christ's mercy and love
Be enfixed in my heart.

My cradle from danger
Thy presence did shade,
In death's solemn hour
Haste Thou to my aid;
Hold forth for my comfort
The staff and the rod,
And teach me to die
In the peace of my God.

Hear me tell all my sin
Before I go hence,
Let repentance and tears
Wash away mine offence;
In my last earthly fight
Hope be with me still,

Faith, that knows not to doubt,
And love, strengthen my will,
Till through death's open gate
New brightness shall shine,
And the things of this world
With joy I resign.

When before the dread Judge,
For mercy I plead;
O angel of succour,
Be there in my need!
My guardian take me,
When raised from the dust,
And glad on the right hand
Place me with the just.

# Saint Michael and All Angels (September 29).

#### CUM ME TENENT FALLACIA.

When earth's frail joys, brief treasure here,— My heart their willing captive keep; Then does my heavenly guardian near, The ever watchful Angel, weep.

But when the soul awakes with tears, And all my grievous sin I own; With gladness swift God's Angel hears, And joy ascends before the Throne.

No longer then, vain pleasures, stay! Depart, ye soft enticements, hence! Give me to wash my guilt away, The bitter tears of penitence; That on the happy Angel's brow No shade those evil joys may cast, Rather my godly sorrow now Cause joy in heaven for aye to last.

# Saint Katharine, Virgin Partyr (November 25).

#### VOX SONORA NOSTRI CHORI.

COME, let our choir with full accord
Their tuneful homage pay
To him, our Founder and our Lord,
Whom heaven and earth obey;
Strengthened by Him, the unwarlike learns to fight,
E'en tender girls are strong to conquer through
His might.

Such gifts surpassing nature's law,
Given by the arm Divine,
Egypt's proud city wondering saw
In blessed Katharine,
The force of steel beneath her patience broke,
And learning from her lips with force convincing spoke.

Each honoured privilege was hers

Due to a princely race;

And that which God alone confers,

The spirit of His grace;

Illustrious through her parents' noble line,

With worth more noble still, her heavenly virtues shine.

To search the sacred word of truth,

To toil in duty's road,—

The prime and beauty of her youth,

These, Katharine all bestowed;

So in this discipline her soul was blest,

A chosen child of grace she stood by all confessed.

As smoke that passeth but away,

All this world's goods she saw,—

As images of worthless clay,

Till stamped by virtue's law;—

Her house's wealth, her parents' wide domain,

She counted these as nought, for heavenly treasure fain.

Her lamp that sheds its lustre round,
With holy oil alight;—

A virgin, wise and prudent found

To meet the Bridegroom's sight,

Prompt on her watch, the welcome voice to hear,

What day, what hour soe'er that gracious Lord

comes near.

See her before the ruler's face,

His earthly power defy,

Nor yield the truth for heathen grace,

She, who for Christ would die;

The gathered sages, rich in learning's store,

Are mute and silent all, won by her matchless lore.

Chained to the dungeon's gloomy wall

Behold the captive lie,

Fierce hunger's pang, thirst's eager call

Her faithful spirit try;

Her tender limbs the cruel wheel may tear,

All for the sake of God triumphant love will bear.

So Katharine gained the victory

Through torture's darkest day,

Before a maiden's constancy

An emperor's power gives way;

Of his own tyrant rage he feels the smart,
When, all their torture vain, his baffled slaves
depart.

And now the sword with mortal stroke

Has made the prisoner free,

To death she slept, to life awoke,

'Midst living joys to be;

Her body to the tomb the Angels bring,

And Christ, her crowning end and joy, let us with

Katharine sing.

## Saint Martha.

### MUNDI DECOR, MUNDI FORMA.

FAIR is the world to mortals given,
With grace and beauty crowned,
But fairest when the way to heaven
Amidst her paths is found;
That path is plain though set with snares,—
Life's duties, sorrows, blessings, cares,—
Yet in God's highest praise it shares,
And leads through holy ground.

This is the feast we keep to-day,—
To which the Church invites;
The duteous hostess of her God—
Christ's friend while yet on earth He trod
Claims our memorial rites.

Behold her bent to serve her Lord With ministration sweet; Nor aught is toilsome, aught is hard,
Her loving zeal to meet;
Would we in Martha's service share?
Then let us hearts and homes prepare,
To give the Saviour welcome there,
To labour at His feet.

In action's field, on danger's brink,
In each extremest care,
The soul may sweetly pause to think,
And breathe the heavenly air;
This man for life's strong fight is made,
That other kneels within the shade,
But each his brother well may aid,
His brother's burden bear.

Labour and love entwined should be,
Nor aught for self retain,
So each the other's good may see,
Each feel the other's pain;
As dearest sisters, hand in hand
Who move towards the promised land,
No fear lest fainting on the strand
The weaker soul remain.

Dost thou in mind and heart aspire

To reach the heavenly sphere?

Then seek with care and oft enquire

What things are needful here;

The Master's favour Mary proved,

Who listened at His Feet and loved;

But is her sister's part reproved

Or to their Lord less dear?

Acceptance was by Martha gained,
Her Saviour's grace she found;
To show us hospitable care
In this world's blessedness may share,
And ready souls for heaven prepare,
Where endless joys abound.

Now call we on the mighty King,

Beseeching Him to hear,

Whilst to the Saviour's Cross we cling

And beg His mercy dear;

Pray Him that when this life is o'er,

For us may ope the heavenly door,

Then shall His accents softly pour,

"Ye blessed enter here."

# Festival of the Dedication of a Church.

#### URBS HIERUSALEM BEATA.

- HAIL! Jerusalem the blessèd, peaceful city, vision dear,
- Out of living stones compacted, see! thy heavenly walls appear,
- Fresh adorned by hands of Angels, as a bride that draweth near
- From her chamber in the heavens, glorious in her beauty's pride,
- Decked to meet the bridegroom's presence, with her virgin train beside,
- So that golden city shineth, tower and wall and roadway wide.

- Rich with orient pearl her portals, open night and day the same,
- Here, through Christ's sufficing merits, entrance every soul shall claim
- Who, for His dear sake, has suffered in the world reproach and shame.
- Sharp the blows and deep the sculpture gave those stones their fitting grace,
- By the heavenly Builder chosen, tried and fashioned for their place,
- In His temple, polished, perfect, aye to shine before His Face.
- For the building's sure foundation Christ was set, of purpose high,
- Corner stone elect and precious, every part in one to tie,
- Him the Heaven of heavens received, Him our Zion trusts for aye.
- Through the whole of that glad city dear to God her heavenly King,
- Jubilant to sweetest music loud their tuneful voices ring,
- Glory to the Triune Godhead, One for ever Blest, they sing.

- Here in this Thy holy temple, Lord Almighty, hear our prayer,
- Sinners, we beseech Thy mercy,—helpless all, we need thy care,
- Thou Thy Saints hast largely blessed, let us too Thy blessing share.
- So may all henceforth who seek Thee, here their asked petitions gain,
- And Thy favour aye possessing unto Paradise attain,
- To their joyful rest translated, with Thy Saints in bliss to reign.

Amen.

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# MISCELLANEOUS HYMNS AND POEMS

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# Thanksgiving Hymn at Easter, after a Weal.

#### PASTIS VISCERIBUS CIBOQUE SUMPTO.

AGAIN with needful daily food

Our fragile bodies strengthened and refreshed;

Come we before the Author of all good,

Praise God the Father ever Blest.

Thou who from heaven Thy sacred Throne
Dost subject all, O Father, to Thy sway,
Thee Seraph hosts their Lord and Ruler own,
Thee mighty Cherubim obey.

Creator, Origin of all,—
Without beginning, endless, aye the Same,—
From nothing Thou the universe did'st call,—
Lord God of Sabaoth Thy Name.



Life-stream from forth the holy place,

Thou makest pure by faith the hearts of Thine,

Through Thy dear Son dost bring them to Thy grace,

Rescued from death by love Divine.

Our being, all that we possess,—
Our souls and bodies health, Thou, Lord, hast given,
The Eternal Spirit ever reigns to bless,
By Thee and Christ sent down from heaven.

So may we tasting of His love,

Enriched with gifts from that all-precious store,

Sing grateful anthems to our God above,

Author of mercies evermore.

Aye suppliant for the Father's grace
Only through Thee, O Christ, be made our prayer,
Lord, in Thy merits every hope we place,
And on our way Thy Cross we bear.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Spirit, One and Three,
All highest praise be rendered, worship done,
Through time and for eternity.

Amen.

# Meditation for a Time of Sorrow.

#### O QUAM GLORIFICUM.

O SOLITUDE! how rich in peace thou art When the soul communes with her God apart; As through a glass the Bridegroom Christ she views, No terrors daunt her then or mists of earth confuse. Blissful experience! though, alas, too rare, Too brief such respite from the bonds of care:-In warfare here midst all life's troubled scene Our griefs how manifold, joys few and far between. Behold iniquity with power abound, Whilst colder aye the many's love is found:-Around our Ark comes up the foemen's shout, Within are anxious fears, and conflicts rage without. Ah! wherefore was it mine, that gift forlorn, Into a world of sorrow to be born? Of earth's vicissitudes the slave to be, Whose labour is but grief, and all is vanity?

"Frail child of dust" the heavenly Voice replies, "Do thy complainings to My Throne arise? And knowest thou not, the world no place of rest Where souls immortal slumber and are blest,— But rather where for battle armed aright. With sword on thigh, men stand prepared to smite. As by a furnace heat pure gold is tried, So must my children now such pains abide; On each loved son a chastening hand I lay, And as refiner's fire I purge their dross away. Art thou, My soldier, greater than thy Lord? Does courage fail thee, and thy plighted word? Or life's sharp crosses make thy spirit sore,— Share of that burden which for Thee I bore Life long on earth? bethink ve. all who tread Where Christ your King, by Whom the worlds were made.-

An exile, knew not where to lay His Head.

Learn, Christian souls, the more ye lowly be,
So come ye nearer My humility;
All glory Mine, with fullest Godhead fraught,
Yet in the world despised and set at naught:
See Mary, mother Mine, from low estate
Chosen 'mongst women, meekest, yet so great;

Mother of sorrows, pierced with My cross, Raised to such glory from that deepest loss!— Lo! Mine elect who, now arrayed in white, With Me for ever taste of pure delight! Who hath not heard the story of their pain, Their love's great triumph, faith's exceeding gain? Each poor and patient soul I own for Mine, To such My Spirit comes with power Divine, But for the high and haughty ones on earth-Their pomp and glory, riches, pride of birth.-These doth My soul abhor, and counts them nothing worth.

O that My loving promises found place In faithful hearts, so would ye joy to trace Your Saviour's suffering path,—so boldly dare Scorn and reproaches, all for Christ to bear, Bent on your hoped-for prize, the joys of heaven to share.

Haste then to cast this world's vain cords away, And on the Altar of the Cross to lay Yourselves a sacrifice! well-pleasing sight, When earthly cares are past, and earth's delight,— Life's conflict o'er, its false illusions gone,-This heavenly prize is theirs, and theirs alone,

Who whilst on earth to earth's corruptions died,
And lived the hidden life with Christ their Lord
beside.

This the sure path that blessed saints have trod,—
The true, the royal road that bringeth man to God."
. . . Jesu! King divine!
O grant this patience of Thy saints be mine!
Though adverse billows rage, grace aid me still!

My chiefest joy to do Thy holy will:-

Aye let my soul her great Exemplar see,

And my life pass in imitating Thee:—

Thy pilgrim here in safety deign to keep

Till 'neath the shadow of Thy Cross I sleep;

And as Thou calledst me to share Thy woe,

So may'st Thou, gracious Lord, the joys of heaven bestow.

- Grant this, O Father Uncreate, Who all the worlds didst make,
- Grant this, O Sole Begotten Son, who sufferedst for our sake,
- Grant this, O gracious Comforter, One Spirit of their Love,
- All praise to Thee, the One in Three, our God who reign'st above.

Amen.

## Last Day of Like.

#### GRAVI ME TERRORE PULSAS.

Last day of mortal life!

With solemn dread I hearken to thy knell:

My quaking flesh and heart within me melt,

Thy terrors by my anxious soul are felt,

While to herself their form she strives to tell.

Yet who may all unveil

That fearful sight,—what tongue has yet expressed How in her final moments the vexed soul Struggles through fleshly bands to reach her goal, And hastens to be free, and pants for rest?

Mute is the rigid tongue,

And dull the swimming eye,—their sense is dead;—
While rattling throat and heaving chest of man,
His stiffening limbs,—tell of life's latest span,
And all the body's comeliness has fled;

#### But to the waking mind

All thoughts and memories of the past are near; Each word and deed, each distant year that rolled, The unwilling soul must now at once behold, Where'er she turns, lo! all these things are here.

### With what tormenting force

Does conscience self the guilty bosom tear; When that irrevocable past it views,—

The good and evil then were free to choose,

Now late repentance bitter fruit must bear.

#### Each worldly false delight,

The sweetness of the flesh, has turned to gall,
All their past nothingness the spirit sees,
Must the soul perish in exchange of these,
Enduring anguish follow joys how small!

#### Now that the gazing soul

Looks up to God's most glorious light on high, How vile her garment of the flesh appears, What flood of sin has whelmed her mortal years, How gladly from such bondage will she fly. O Christ, Thou King of kings,

Aid with Thy conquering might my painful toil,

When the last hour shall sound to call me hence,

Be Thou my saving rock, my sure defence,

Nor let the tyrant foe my soul despoil.

The prince of darkness smite,

And with his hellish legions prostrate, quell!

Then Thou, good Shepherd, bring Thy ransomed sheep

Home to Thy blissful land for aye to keep,

With Thee, life's living source, in joy to dwell.

Amen.

# Dirge of the Empress Leopoldina.

#### EHEU QUID HOMINES SUMUS.

ALAS! why come we to this world of woe?

As smoke that vanishes, so men decay;

Vain is the fate earth's children here can know,

And tyrant death sweeps all away.

Brief summons called thee, Cæsar's royal mate;
In childbirth's peril naught availed to save;
O death, most mournful, woman's saddest fate,
That ends her travail with a grave.

<sup>1</sup> The Empress Leopoldina, wife of Ferdinand the Third, died in childbirth at Vienna, after one year's marriage, in the year 1649. The Latin original, by Balde, was chanted in her funeral procession.

Went the keen scythe to ply in summer hour,
And spared not e'en for this fair Majesty?
Ah, cruel fate! ah, beauty's queenly flower!
Could death so roughly mow down thee?

See yon poor weed the reaper casts aside,

And the rich ear midst harvest glory fall;

For each its narrow nook shall fate provide;

Death in his garner storeth all.

As melt the shining bubbles on their way,
As in the evening droops the tender rose,—
So was thy fate, brief blossom of a day;
Quick on their prey death's fingers close.

Touched by those bony hands, that icy breath,

The crystal bowl falls shattered down to earth,
O fate of youth how fragile!—clumsy death,
Thou churl, to mar such priceless worth!

Where are the graces now? the cheek's rich bloom?

Shall Nature's masterpiece no more delight?

Fate sealed those heavy eyelids for the tomb,

Death quenched their orbs in deepest night.

Can the pale form again in beauty's pride
With life's pure stream of mantling crimson glow,
When fate has stilled that genial flowing tide;
Death's pall the only purple now?

Woe for the coral lips, the shining hair,

Soft tangle where imprisoned love would play,—

Fate gave the steel, and death, untaught to spare,

Has shorn the cherished wealth away.

The neck of snow,—the ivory moulded arm,—
Shall the dull tomb hold such perfection rare?

Lo! fate's dark alchemy dissolves the charm,
And death has clasped that neck so fair.

Let widowed Cæsar mourn with his sad train

For her whose brightness shamed the rosy morn;

Fate, was thy smiling promise all in vain,

Comes death instead, that guest forlorn?

Weep, maidens, gazing while this pomp goes by,
Soon must your dirges lengthen out our woe;—
Fate moves the rapid urn, forth comes the die,
Unerring death will plant the blow.

Full gently here each willing soul is led.— The struggler in his striving dragged along;-Tis fate that leads thee, mortal, thou art sped! Death has thee fast, thou wrestler strong.

Nor wealth shall profit thee, nor wisdom's store, Gentle or churl who pleadest for delay,— Fleet as the eagles fate sweeps on before. Death's flying shaft pursues thy way.

Is pleasure thine? does frowning fortune lour: The bell will toll that summons all alike; Fate moves the index forward to the hour. And death is there thy knell to strike.

Hast thou, O King, supreme o'er nations round, On glory's summit gained a world's applause? Yet fate will drag thy sceptre to the ground, Death mock thee with his fleshless jaws.

Charm'st thou, bright maiden? does thy sister wear A form or features joyless to the view? Impartial fate recks not of foul or fair, Death takes the bur and lily too.

In youth's first dawn, strong manhood, hoary age,
From lowly cot and palace, all must go;—
O'er the bright fields in springtime fate will rage,
Death's victims strew the winter snow.

What voices echo from the dim abode

Where death inhabits, hark! e'en now they cry,
"We went before, ye follow on our road,

Behold your fated bourne is nigh!

"Soon this great company shall gather all
Your thronging multitude from life's broad way,
Come then each one obedient to fate's call."
O death, we hear thee and obey.

And now with loving last farewell to greet

Thee, O bright Spirit, Queen who once didst reign,
Though fate deposed thee from that lofty seat,

Death came, thy friend, with mightier gain.

Far from our Swedish foe, and ravaged State, Above earth's cloudy canopy to soar, Where life is thine beyond the reach of fate, And vanquished death comes never more. Beneath thy view, in circling glory there,
Sun, moon, and stars harmonious walk the skies;
List the soft call that lingers yet in air,
"The night is spent, come, traveller, rise."

Go, spouse of heaven, why mourn we here thy loss?

The King hath called thee; no longer stay;—

Thy winter's storm is o'er, and lo! the Cross

Shines forth again to save, and points eternal day.

Amen.

# farewell to the World.

#### PARENDUM EST, CEDENDUM EST.

NEEDs must give way, my soul, obey!

Life's latest stage is won;

The die is thrown, death claims his own,

My sand of time is run;

Adieu to wealth, to hope itself,

My song is nearly done.

Great orb of day, pursue thy way,
Rejoicing as before,
Thy footpath wide the world shall guide,
For me thou shin'st no more;
The night impends, the daylight ends,
My bark has touched the shore.

Fair queen of night, ye planets bright, Ye golden lamps that burn, Still from the skies on mortal eyes
Your starry radiance turn!
To me the tale you comet pale
Tells of a summons stern.

Now and for e'er, oh, full of care,

Thou worldly world farewell!

How baseless all this earthly ball

The sons of men may tell;—

Too much thy wiles, too much thy smiles,

O'er me have cast their spell!

Ye glittering halls, ye marble walls
With art's rich treasures bright;
Ye glowing bowers and stately towers,
Transcendent in your height;
Down at a strait and lowly gate,
Death's coursers make me 'light.

Ye damsels fair, whose beauties rare
Held me your slave at will,
Vain folly's tools, life's troubled pools
That steeped my soul in ill;
O'er beauty's smile, o'er syren isle
There comes a shadow chill,

Gay dance and mirth, sweet songs of earth,—
Muse that has bridged the sky,
Your echoes cease! ye voices, peace!
The heavenly choir is nigh;
The usher death with bated breath
Whispers,—"O, mortal, die!"

Ye flowing bowls, ye jovial souls
Who feast the board around,
With rosy wine the goblets shine,
The tinkling glasses sound;
Your call is vain whilst I must drain
The goblet death has crowned.

No odours sweet my nostrils greet,
My robes are laid aside;
Dead is each lust, low in the dust
My cherished body's pride;
For vest of pall, the worms that crawl
My covering shall provide.

Ye titled crowd, ye summits proud
Where earthly fame I won,
Death's lightnings fall, these perish all,
Set is bright honour's sun;

Vain phantoms flee, my home I see, Eternity begun.

Companions dear, whose presence here
Has lightened all my toil,
From sparkling jest, from friendship's zest,
Why does my soul recoil?
With summons rude, see death intrude,
Our golden hours to spoil!

My body too, farewell to you,

Rest now in Earth's kind care;

My partner still in good and ill,

Thy summons waits thee there,

With me to go, for weal or woe,

An equal lot to share.

#### TO THE READER.

Additional Stanza by Translator.

Since death will call us one and all,

To heaven or hell, our due,

Since but one prize for heavenward eyes,

One only hope, is true;

Seek this above, so death shall prove

The gate of life to you.

Amen.

# Burial of the Dead.

## JAM MÆSTA QUIESCE QUERELA.

CEASE, mourner, thou that weepest here,
Nor let fresh tears thy cheek bedew,
Death that has snatched thy pledges dear,
But fits them for the life anew.

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That body now which soulless lies,

To its still resting-place consigned,

A breathing, living form shall rise,

All the deep powers of sense to find.

When time's swift course shall end,—behold

These bones again with warmth must glow,
Clothed with their fleshly garb of old,

While through the veins life's currents flow.

Supine, in narrow cell enchained,

They mouldered long,—corruption's prey;
Once more their kindred soul regained,—
Swift through the air to wing their way.

So clothed with shining verdure now
Dry seed that into earth was cast,
Fresh springing from the ground below,
Brings back the harvest of the past.

Then take, O earth, this precious dust,
And in thy sheltering bosom bear
This frame of man we here entrust,—
These relics of our love and care.

Here the immortal spirit dwelt,

By God's creating fiat made,

Here wisdom's heavenly power was felt,

With Christ for Author and for aid.

And He who shaped this mortal clay,
Author and fashioner of all;—
When comes the sure appointed day,
These gifts of his to light shall call.

Then every hope fulfilled by God,

This veilèd image of His face,—

Now placed beneath thy covering sod,

Again, O earth, thou must replace.

What though 'neath time's dissolving wand,
This mortal frame shall disappear,
Though but the compass of a hand,
Some dusty relics,—linger here;

Though whirlwinds scatter in their wrath,
Or flames resistless in their sway
May sweep these atoms from their path,—
The man shall perish not for aye.

But till these elements, O Lord,
Again with form thou dost invest,
Say where, obedient to Thy word,
Shall the pure spirit find her rest?

Safely she comes to that blest place, With faithful Abraham to dwell, Where Lazarus in blissful case Dives afar beholds from hell. The pardoned thief rejoicing heard
Thy call to Paradise that day,
So we, O Christ, receive the word,
And follow Thee upon the way.

Lo! clear and shining up to heaven,

That path for faithful souls is plain,

Where Adam first from bliss was driven,

Redeemèd man now comes again.

Thick from our hands be violets strown,

This cherished earth to cover o'er,

And on the cold memorial stone

Soft liquid odours gently pour.

Amen.

# The Day of Doom.

#### DIES IRÆ.

THE day of wrath, that dreadful day Shall melt the world in flames away, Thus David and the Sibyl say.

On every soul how great a fear When the world's Judge is coming near, Whose strict inquiry all must hear.

The trumpet's wondrous sound shall fall, The nations from their graves to call, Before the throne to summon all.

Death shall grow pale and nature quake To see created man awake An answer to his Judge to make. Spread open then shall be the roll, That record which contains the whole For judgment upon every soul.

The Judge shall sit upon His Throne, All secret things shall then be known, And each its meed of vengeance own.

Ah me! what utterance shall I dare? What plea can save me from despair? When e'en the just shall tremble there?

O King, with fearful glory decked, Who freely savest Thine elect, Fountain of pity, me protect!

Remember, Jesu Lord, I pray, For me Thou wentest on the way, Lest Thou should'st lose me on that day.

Thy weary search for me was ta'en, Thou sav'dst me by Thy Cross and pain, Be not Thy mighty labour vain. Thou righteous Judge of vengeance due, To me Thy pardoning grace renew, Ere on that reckoning day I sue.

As one condemned, I sigh apace, All scarlet is my guilty face, Lord, to a suppliant grant Thy grace!

Favour Thou show'dst to Mary's grief, Forgiveness to the dying thief, And hope Thou gav'st for my relief.

Though worthless all the prayers I make, Yet for Thy tender mercy's sake, O keep me from the fiery lake!

Grant me among Thy sheep to stand, Far from the goats, the evil band, And 'stablish me at Thy right hand.

The cursed shall in terror flee, Condemned in piercing fires to be, But with the blessed call Thou me. To Thee my suppliant spirit cries, My contrite heart in ashes lies, Lord, keep me in that last assize.

Since from the dust mankind shall rise

Upon that mournful day,

To meet their Judge amidst the skies,

To Thee, O God, we pray;

Let their sin-stained souls Thy mercy see,

Jesu, our pitying Lord, O grant them rest in Thee!

Amen.

# The Crown of Thorns.

#### SI VIS VERE GLORIARI.

SEER'ST thou the crown, O pilgrim,
Which God in heaven can give?
Would'st thou in glory there for ever
With Christ thy Saviour live?
Then come with heart's devotion
This crown of thorns to see,
And learn in His blest steps to follow
Who wore it here for thee.

High streaming o'er the battle

The warrior's crest is borne,

So by the King of heaven in conflict

This chosen helm was worn;

When from the Cross victorious

He smote our ancient foe,

This crown, in honour all transcending,

Shone on the Conqueror's brow.

No laurel twined for hero
With this bright wreath may vie,
Nor mitred Pontiff's jewelled splendour
Its lustre cometh nigh;
See from the rugged thorn points
What orient beams are shed,
Fresh rays around of glory darting,
Touched by that Sacred Head!

All golden now and precious,

How fair this crown to see!
E'en so, by virtue of Christ's Passion,
The Christian soul shall be.
Those natures dark and rugged,
Which thorns and briers deface,—
The barren vine, the brand for burning,
Behold them changed by grace!

Yet still, full deep implanted,
Sin's evil roots are here;
Its sharpest thorns for guilt are woven,
Its bitter fruits appear;
But aye that golden glory
Beams forth with joy in heaven,

When from his way a sinner turneth, And Christ's dear grace is given.

Then with Thy blessing aid us,
Lord Jesu, from on high!

Till o'er the thorny snares of evil
We gain the victory,—
O change these fallen natures,
Break up our stony ground,
So may we in that last great harvest
With Thy blest saints be crowned.

Amen.

# The Soul desiring to Depart and to be with Christ.

#### TANDEM AUDITE ME.

- YE daughters of Zion, O hear my complaining,

  List now to the voice of my cry;

  Go tell my Beloved how my heart is sore vexed,—

  My love-sickness behold, all my sorrow unfold,—

  With love I am stricken and die.
- Bring me apples of gold, with the rich, fragrant citron, Their savour of life to impart;—
- Bright blossoms, heaped round me, with their freshness surround me;—
- All weary I languish—ah! too keen is my anguish,—
  The fever that burns in my heart.
- Say, my soul, is this love which so moveth thee, pain?

  Is it love, this sharp pang which I bear?
- So may not I tell, but this know I full well,
- How sweet is the sorrow, tears, but joy on the morrow, When love, my soul's inmate, is there.

Love, why are thy arrows so keen to my soul?

When gentlest, a tyrant thou art;—

Comes no truce to my fears? thy moments are years;—

O bid me not stay, who would fain flee away!—

How long ere thou bidst me depart!

Haste, ye virgins, with sweets for my funeral pyre;

Bring odorous boughs—a rich store;

O'er my senses in sleep their last fragrance will creep;

As the Phœnix that dies, yet I shall arise

All fresh from my ashes once more.

Break forth then, O soul, from this life's weary fetters,—
No more to the body a thrall,
As flames upward tending, my spirit ascending
To her country above, to the Home of my Love,—
Goes up to the Author of all.

Amen.

Note.—Archbishop Trench observes of this hymn that the writer has gone for his inspiration to the Canticle, and that the hymn is but the unfolding of the words of the bride, "I am sick of love."

## An Act of faith in the Divine Majesty.

TOTUM, DEUS, IN TE SPERO.

My God, in Whom alone my trust has stood,
On Thee I call;—
Thou art my praise, Thyself my every good;
Who giv'st me all;—
'Midst my labour Thou art rest,
In my sickness healing blest,
Thou 'midst grief my tuneful lyre,
Heavenly balm,—Thou sooth'st my ire,
Freest me from narrow strait,
Fallen, raisest me elate;
In Thy strength I forward go,
Am I reft of all below,—
Still in Thee my hope I know.—

When my threatening foes surround, Thou their utmost rage canst stay, When their poisoned arrows wound,

Thou hast said, "I will repay."

Touched by Thy piercing ray, doubt's thickest
cloud

Is dark no more;

All that to mortal view is not allowed Thou coverest o'er.

Oh, then, protect me lest I fall Headlong to the infernal hall,

There is wailing, there are fears,

Loathsome foulness, hopeless tears;

There all shameful things are known,

Sinners there confusion own;—

There his lash the torturer plyeth,

And the worm that never dieth,

There all these for ever dwell,—

Endless is the death of hell!

But me to Sion's temple bright,

To David's peaceful city,—bring,

Whose builder is the Lord of light,

Where joyful reigns the heavenly King;

See that city's portals fair,

From the Cross of Christ are made,

None may gain an entrance there. Save beneath its glorious shade: Walls compact of living stone Gird her round with shining zone; There is light that cannot cease, Endless spring, eternal peace; There sweet odours fill the sky. Ever springeth melody: Pure from each corrupting taint, Free from failure or complaint, All are shapely, all are fair, Made in Christ's own Image there :-City on thy rock secure. Heavenly Salem, ever blest, City by thy harbour sure, Lo, I fly to thee for rest! Thee my eager soul desires, Thee it pants for, thee requires, Unto thee I make my cry, And hail thee from afar with longing ecstasy.

How thy people joy on high,
What their glad festivity,—
Knit with what a wondrous love;—

How thy walls with gems are strown,
Sapphire, onyx, jacinth stone,
To the dwellers there is known,
To thy Saints who reign above.—
O may I too in that blest place,
Joined with the pious throng,—
Obtain, with Moses and Elias,—grace
To sing the heavenly song—Alleluia!
Amen.

## To the Blessed Trinity.

#### JUBILEMUS CORDIS VOCE.

With heart and voice united,
Raise we the tuneful lay,
To God our strength, the King Almighty,
Rejoicing homage pay.

Ye sons of men His offspring,
Ye works of God around,
O make your great Creator's praises
Through the glad world resound!

All things our God created

By the Eternal Son,

And o'er the depths the Spirit moving,

Breathed, when the worlds begun.

In Paradise, all blissful,
God placed His Angels bright,
And in the firmament above us,
Sun, moon, and stars, for light.

With birds in winged beauty

He decked the realms of air;

With leafy robes, with verdant herbage,

Earth's hills and valleys fair.

God sent the wealth of fishes

Through ocean's wide domain,

And the four-footed throng rejoicing

To range the fertile plain.

Brought by His gracious guidance
Earth's hidden springs run o'er;
Below the stars His clouds He hangeth,
Rich with the watery store.

Beneath spring's gentle breathing

God bids the floweret blow,

And, by the autumn sunshine ripened,

The ruddy fruit to glow.

Wide o'er the wintry landscape

He spreads His snowy pall,

And gives the golden harvest waving,

'Midst summer suns to fall.

Mankind, O Lord, Thou madest To rule Thy creatures fair, With life in paradise his portion, Had he obeyed Thee there.

But for his sins excluded,
Sad exile, doomed to roam,
The Incarnate Word, in mercy saving,
Restored him to his home.

Then serve we Christ our Saviour,
With our heart's strength adore,
So may we come to His blest kingdom,
To live for evermore.

Amen.

#### The Heavenly Zion.

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#### URBS SYON INCLYTA.

Hail Zion, city of our God, sure fortress set on high, For thee with strong desire I burn, for thy sure refuge cry;

O take within thy sheltering walls The longing heart, the soul that calls.

Naught for my merit's sake I claim, death is my portion due,

Nor may I cover up my guilt,—a child of wrath I sue; Sin's deadly power has marred my life, With sin my wasted hours are rife.

Yet still the path of hope I tread, in faith my vows arise,

To God I pray by night and day for His blest promises;

On Him for grace and mercy call Creator, Father, Lord of all.

- What tongue shall tell the Saviour's love to sinful mortals shown
- Whom from their vile estate He raised, redeemed, and made His own.

The world through grace He freed from stain, Of each sick heart He heals the pain.

- And still the stream of heavenly grace, true fount of David, flows,
- With life and healing fraught for all, nor stint nor measure knows;

So may that grace obtain for me The blissful courts of heaven to see.

- O Zion, summit of my hopes, brighter than gold art thou,
- The conqueror's laurel, ever fresh, shines on thy sacred brow;

Angels and powers in phalanx bright For ever in their Lord delight!

- Say, O dear country of my heart, shall these thy joys be mine,
- Shall I, in that my precious home, behold the Light Divine;—

God's full o'erflowing gift obtain,— Or is my hope, my faith, in vain?

Be this the gracious answer borne from Zion's blissful shore,

"Thou son of earth, thy faith maintain, nor thy true hope give o'er,

Though sin thy heavenward path would stay, My grace will open thee the way!"

Thrice happy state, most blessed soul who shares that heavenly grace,—

With whom Thou, Lord of all the earth, dost make Thy dwelling-place.

But sight of woeful guilt to see, The man who lives deprived of Thee!

Amen.

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For life's eternal spring

My weary soul athirst,

Longs that her prison soon may ope,

Her fleshly bands may burst;

For home the exiled spirit yearns,

To heaven with anxious gaze full strivingly she turns.

A prey to troubles here,

Oppressed by earthly woe,

She gazes on the glories lost

To sinful men below;

The thoughts that forfeit bliss must bring

Add to the present ill sad memory's keenest sting.

What tongue shall tell of heaven?
Who Zion's courts declare?

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The peace that passeth man to know,

The joy that dwelleth there?

Of living pearl her gates behold,

Her halls in radiance decked, and roofs that shine with gold!

With priceless gems alone
Fast knit those walls were laid,—
Of purest gold as crystal glass
That city's street is made;
No thing unclean, no taint of sin,
None save the pure of heart approach to enter in.

Fierce winter's biting frost

No more its rage shall bring,

Nor parching summer's heat they know,

But taste perennial spring:

Pale lilies cluster, blooms the rose,

The crocus gleams with light, and precious balsam flows.

Wide lawns of emerald sheen,
Fields fresh with vernal dew,
Breathing a liquid fragrance round
Spring up for ever new;

While the soft wealth of balmy showers

Drops on the fadeless fruit of amaranthine bowers.

Needs not the starry host

To lend its bright array,

Nor sun and changing moons to bring

Alternate night and day;

That city knows nor time nor night,

The Lamb of God Himself for aye its changeless light.

While like the glorious sun

Each laurelled Saint doth shine;

These all in mutual triumph meet

To share the prize Divine:

Their ghostly enemy laid low,

Securely now they count the terrors of the foe.

Pure from all carnal taint,

Unknown each warring strife,

The flesh, as spirit made,—and soul

Possess one mind, one life;

Free from offence their heavenly joy

And peace in fullest draughts they taste without alloy.

Unclothed of earth, they turn

To the great Source of all,

And in the light of perfect truth

In adoration fall;

Truth's living fount their spirit fills,

Its sweetness ever new they drink from thousand rills.

Hence comes their brightness, joy,
All the clear spirit's range,—
The state and faculty to live
A life beyond all change;
No more are sickness, age, decay,
But youth, fresh springing aye accompanies their way.

Immortal must they be,
Since mortal change is past;
Corruption's self in them is dead,
Eternal bloom shall last;
The law of sin and death we see
Yield to the mighty force of immortality.

All-perfect wisdom now

Before their eyes revealed,

For them no secret thing remains,

No inward thought is sealed;

But all one will, one impulse own,—

To each the other's mind with one accord is shown.

Though labours several done
For diverse meed may call,
The merits of each Saint become
Through love, the grace of all;—
As did on earth pervading love,
So now it maketh theirs all lovely things above.

With bread that Angels eat

Those happy souls are fed,
(E'en now on earth for faithful men

That heavenly board is spread),
As eagles gathering from the skies,
Assemble for their prey and share the destined prize,

So all the mighty host
Of Saints and Angels met,
The denizens of earth and heaven
To share the feast are set;
Sweetness they taste that ne'er can cloy,
Feasting they hunger still and in fresh hunger joy.

Hark to the thrilling strain

Which myriad voices raise;

The pealing organ's solemn sound

Proclaims the hymn of praise!

"Glory to Him by Whom we reign,"

All honour, power, be His, the Lamb for sinners slain!"

Thrice-blessèd soul of man

Exalted to the sky,

Who now beholds the Heavenly King,—

Views 'neath the Throne on high

This earthly globe majestic roll,

With sun and moon and stars, one glorious perfect

whole.

O Christ, Thy soldiers' palm,

Through whom their fields are won,

Bring me within Thy city walls,

My term of warfare done,

In the white robe Thy people wear,

With those blest citizens their peaceful state to share.

Vouchsafe me now Thy strength, While labouring in the fight, And, victor in the last array,

Me to Thy rest invite;
O that the guerdon of my pain,
Thy endless gift, Thyself, my heaven of heaven, I gain!

Amen.

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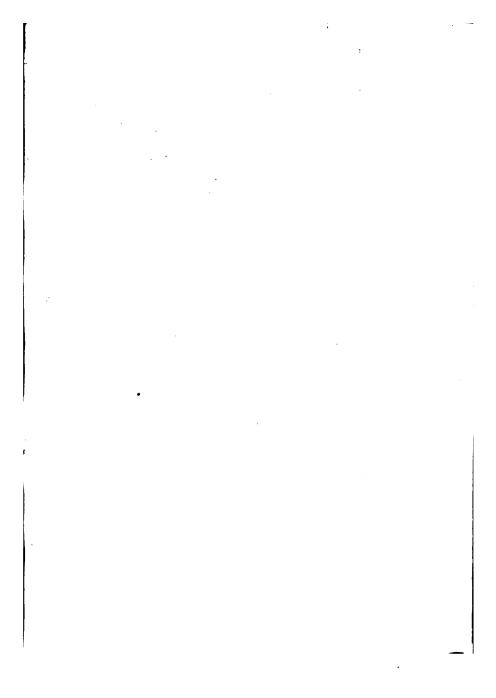
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